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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Crisis Looming?

WHEN M. Mollet returned from Moscow earlier this week he knew that the price of continued Communist support for his Government in the National Assembly was an "adequate solution" to the Algerian problem. His Russian hosts, fairly perhaps, might have denied any breach of their pledge of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries since they were speaking for the French Communist Party which, in the Assembly, is one leg of the tripod supporting the Mollet Government.

Up to now the Communist deputies have shown exemplary patience in approving the Mollet policy which aims at beating the rebels to their knees before negotiations for political reforms begin. Patience is the price the Communists pay for the hope of a popular front. Now M. Mendes-France sees the writing on the wall—the Communists are exploiting his own view of the need for simultaneous talks with Algerian moderates—and to avoid appearing to follow them later over their expected disavowal of the Mollet policy, he has made the first move.

ESSENTIALLY it is a move to keep his political record unsullied by any Communist entanglements. Credit the erstwhile Mr. France with prudence—but it would be unfair to him to suggest that he sees no farther than a possible Communist switch of tactics. M. Mollet, at the moment, is chaperoned by a useful number of conscientious Conservative deputies to make his left-wing associations in parliament appear a little more respectable to the world outside. This second leg of the tripod on the right, which really cares not a jot for the Socialists, is expected to remove itself just as soon as the Communists abandon hope of a popular front.

This would leave M. Mollet with just one leg—his own centre bloc—on which to attempt a precarious balancing act. M. Mendes-France apparently does not care for his chances of surviving. Partly then, his manoeuvre is to protest against policy, and he thus remains consistent in the attitude he adopted over Tunisia and Morocco; partly, he has neatly avoided a Communist snare, and he has also freed himself to work for a more decisive role in the next Government than the ministry without portfolio with which he has been so hampered in the present one.

AS for M. Mendes-France's Algerian policy he believes that fighting without negotiations with moderate Moslems is a policy of abandonment. The Communist deputies are at the moment hoping on the same chord and are probably wondering now whether their duty would appear to a France, rather tired of discordant choirs. Admittedly M. Mendes-France and the Communists harmonise well on the Riff Song but beyond that their repertoire is very limited.

Is the aspiring Mr. France likely to be tempted? A new tripod, and worse still a two-legged coalition with the Communists, would have only one inevitable ending—the subjugation of the weaker by the stronger. If Mendes-France sticks not only his own political salvation but also the triumph of the Republic. He can do neither with the Communists. His first task is to look for as many "legs" as possible, to wangle the biggest and most secure coalition of all whose primary task will be self-extinction on completion of a new constitution designed to abolish the horror of political tripods forever.

TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN

Troops Ambushed In Nicosia: One Dead BOMB ATTEMPT AT MEETING

Nicosia, May 23.

Extremists ambushed a security patrol and killed one British soldier in a sharp exchange of fire in the Paphos district tonight.

The patrol, travelling in a military vehicle, was fired on by extremists in well-hidden positions. The patrol returned the fire. One of the British soldiers was shot dead. The soldier was the 33rd member of the security forces to die since the Cypriot extremists began their campaign of violence. Earlier, quick-moving police pounced on a Greek Cypriot youth as he attempted to bomb an open-air public inquiry meeting. The inquiry was into Monday's bombings. A British soldier died in the violence on Monday.

A Scolding
Shill police whistles and the crack of a gunshot interrupted evidence before the Nicosia Commissioner. Mr. Martin Clemens, Mr. Clemens was scolding local Cypriots for their failure to help a dying soldier and 12 other persons wounded in the bombings here two days ago. It was reported that a Greek shopkeeper noted the youth

Now They Fear For Harding
London, May 23. The British authorities fear that Cypriot terrorists might make an attempt to assassinate the Cyprus Governor, Sir John Harding, during his visit to London in two weeks, informed sources said today.

A Greek merchant of Crete has put a price of £30,000 on Harding's head after the British Government had offered a reward of £10,000 for the capture of a man suspected of being the chief of the Cypriot "EOKA" terrorist organisation. There are nearly 40,000 Cypriots in London—more than there are in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus. Scotland Yard has already placed extra guards around Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, the principal members of his Government, and the Duke of Edinburgh, following reports that several terrorists have arrived in Britain from Cyprus. France-Press.

Tragic Death Of John B. Sainsbury

London, May 23. John B. Sainsbury, 85-year-old chairman of a multi-million dollar British food store chain, fell to his death today from a fourth floor window of a London clinic.

His pyjama-clad body narrowly missed persons waiting at a bus stop. He was killed instantly. Sainsbury had been a patient at a London clinic since March after he was taken ill while returning from a South American vacation in the liner Argentina Star.

The chain of food stores and supermarkets he headed included 250 stores in London and the provinces. He was the son of the founder of the business, John James Sainsbury. United Press.

planting the home-made bomb and alerted the police. Plain-clothesmen showed the boy roughly into a jeep and drove him off. Mr. Clemens told local shopkeepers and residents, who had been herded into the well-guarded "Old Women's Market", that no one had volunteered information on Monday's bombings. "Some of you must have seen these barbarians," he said. "Some of you were on balconies egging on illegal demonstrations. But no one has come forward with information."

Give No Aid
Four young British soldiers told the Commissioner how, as their comrades lay bleeding, the street shutters rolled down in their faces and bystanders

stayed in alleyways or peered fearfully from windows. A druggist came forward to describe how he rushed out to help a wounded soldier and sent his young assistant to help another who subsequently died. "My assistant came back covered with blood," he said. He then charged that the assistant was arrested yesterday and put in prison. He pointed to a plainclothesman leaning against a pillar in the market-place. "That man in the shirt told him, follow me."

Scribbling Ban
Mr. Clemens continued the inquiry after the bomb thrower was taken away, but adjourned it when a druggist began a political speech. The government today banned anti-British wall scribbling and announced registration of all Cypriots, to help root out underground extremists.

An order signed by the Governor, Sir John Harding, made it illegal for anyone to scrawl slogans on walls. It also requires owners of property to remove such slogans immediately, no matter who paints them. United Press.

She Arrives Today



Miss Martine Carol, popular and talented French film star, now on a visit to the Far East, is seen above. Miss Carol is due to arrive in Hongkong this evening by air from Singapore where she has been the toast of the town. — France-Press Photo.

IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE QUOTED Truman And That "Squirrel-Headed General" Quip

Naples, May 23.

Former President Harry S. Truman said today he was sorry about the "very embarrassing situation" created by published reports of his statement that "some squirrel-headed general" ordered the invasion at Salerno in 1943.

He reiterated a denial issued earlier by his secretary, Eugene Bailey, that he had ever made such a statement. "I would make no comment like that," Truman told newsmen. "I'd been listening to the conversation of several people who had been there. I am sorry about it but it's a very embarrassing situation and I hope you'll clear it up."

"I do not want to embarrass anybody, especially the people who are with me and reporting on me. I never scold anybody when things don't go straight, though I wish you would clear it up."

The allied forces had chosen a point which has high hills overlooking its beaches as an invasion site. "Oh, some squirrel-headed general," Truman replied in an off-hand manner. The "squirrel-head" remark was reported by both the United Press and the Associated Press, which have American staff correspondents following Truman.

Truman's statement this afternoon, in effect, placed the disputed remark in the context of an unstudied and off-the-cuff quip made in the course of a general conversation with reporters at a sidewalk cafe. United Press.

LIM MAY SUCCEED MARSHALL

Singapore, May 24.

Vernon Bartlett, political commentator of the Straits Times, said today Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore, might resign in favour of his Minister for Labour and Welfare, Mr. Lim Yew-hock. Mr. Lim, who returned to Singapore yesterday, was Mr. Marshall's chief lieutenant at the unsuccessful London talks on the Colony's independence.

Liner Goes Aground

Melbourne, May 24. The 28,700-ton British liner Orsova has run aground in Port Phillip Bay, about 30 miles south of here, with 450 passengers aboard.

The Orsova, the world's first mastless liner, was bound for Sydney from London.

Efforts are to be made at high tide at noon today to refloat her.

The Orsova, owned by the Orient Line, cost £20,000,000 and made her maiden voyage in the spring of 1954. She carries a crew of 642.

He said there were rain squalls in the area at the time. Reuter.

Surrey Village Just Saved From Destruction

Hornbury St Mary, Surrey, May 23. British troops and a shifting wind stopped a raging forest fire just feet short of this picture postcard village today.

Troops were rushed in to support firemen battling the fire that roared and crackled through the Surrey Downs, a favourite beauty spot left under-dry by Britain's current drought.

A wall of fire two miles wide swept down a hill toward the cluster of picturesque villages known as "Little Switzerland".

More than 100 firemen with their equipment fought frantically to control the blaze. Scores of villagers beat at the fire along with the firemen.

The fire raged to within 15 feet of the first houses of the village before the wind shifted and drove the flames back. Firemen, troops and townspeople finished the job. United Press.

"I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE THERE"

England Has Seen The Last Of Me Says Noel Coward

Paris, May 23.

The British actor, Noel Coward, said today that he expected some sort of hullabaloo about his refusal to set foot in England again, "because I am me".

Mr. Coward refused to leave the French liner Liberté when she was in Southampton last week because he faces a £25,000 tax payment if he sets foot in England this year. His action touched off a hue and cry in the British press.

Mr. Coward told the United Press in his suite at one of Paris' plush hotels, "One just can't afford to live in England these days."

"I am lucky because I carry my factory around in my head and can write anywhere. I have a place in England with a 14-acre garden and five gardeners, and I think the last year I spent only two or three weekends there."



NOEL COWARD

"My dear chap, it's just not worth it. I know when I made this decision that the cheaper press would raise some sort of

hullabaloo, but that is only to be expected because I am me.

"Plenty of people would do the same thing and one would never hear a word about it."

"But my reasons are very simple and I'm perfectly open about them. If an industrialist is ill, he goes on drawing his dividends. But if I am sick, I am finished, and I don't get anything."

"So I just decided I had to start putting some money away for my old age and made the decision to live in the Colonies, but of course to retain my British nationality."

Speaking in the throaty voice which made him famous, Mr. Coward said he would spend another week in Paris and then go on to the Riviera, back to New York, and then to his new house in Bermuda.

He said: "Bermuda is a lovely place. No taxes at all." United Press.

TRANS-SHIPPED GOODS ILLEGALLY TO HK

Washington, May 23.

The Bureau of Foreign Commerce of the Commerce Department announced today that Florent M. L. Schrijvers, an exporter-importer of Antwerp, Belgium, has been denied all United States export privileges for two years of alleged unlawful trans-shipment of US-origin boric acid to Hongkong.

The Bureau said that the denial order became effective on May 21 but provides that US export privileges shall be restored to Schrijvers after three months on condition that he commit no further violation of US export controls.

The Bureau charged that Schrijvers certified in support of an export license application submitted by him to the US Customs that he had no knowledge of the fact that the material was for use in Belgium and would not be disposed of in any other manner without advance approval from the Bureau.

It said that it relied on those assurances and granted the license, but that after Schrijvers received the boric acid at Antwerp in March, 1955, he trans-shipped all but six tons to Hongkong without notifying the Bureau.

One of the violators, using an object at the ship, the eye-witness said. United Press.

Grenade Injures 14

Penang, May 23.

Fourteen Chinese, seven of them women, were injured when a home-made grenade exploded in front of a Chinese newsvendor's shop here tonight.

The chief of Penang's criminal investigation department, Mr. E. H. Harris, said tonight he believed the grenade was thrown by Communist terrorists.

An eyewitness told the police shortly before the explosion he saw two cyclists, dressed in white shirts and black trousers, near the shop.

But They'll Get There Just The Same

Reservists Hold Up Train's Journey

Paris, May 23.

Young reservists fired pistols and threw a grenade when they swarmed out of a troop train in a Dijon suburb today in a demonstration against being sent to fight in Algeria.

The grenade exploded harmlessly on an open ground near the railway and no one was hurt by the pistol shots, which were fired into the air.

The 24-coach troop train, which began a start-stop journey to Marseilles at Moulon today, was delayed by 20 minutes only to be held up again briefly near Beaune by reservists operating the emergency brakes.

FOUR DELAYS
So far the train, carrying about 1,000 reservists has been held up four times by the young soldiers pulling the communication cord, disconnecting the carriage couplings, and dispersing into nearby bars.

When the train arrived today at a station on the eastern outskirts of Dijon reservists pulled the communication cord and swarmed on to the station and into local bars. Police stood by, but did not intervene, and the men got back into the train in response to appeals from the local Army Commander.

The pistol shots were fired and the grenade thrown as the reservists made their way back to the train.

DISCONNECTED

Before continuing the journey railway officials disconnected the automatic brake from the communication cord but at Croix-Soigny, near Beaune, the train stopped again.

Someone had operated the emergency brakes by hand. Again the reservists jumped down on to the track, and the train stopped for three quarters of an hour.

During the incidents the train is expected early tomorrow to reach Marseilles, where the reservists will embark for Algeria. Reuter.

Billy Rose To Wed

New York, May 23.

The Broadway producer, Billy Rose, and the blonde showgirl, Joyce Mathews, who once slashed her wrists in his apartment, obtained a marriage license today but declined to disclose their wedding plans. United Press.



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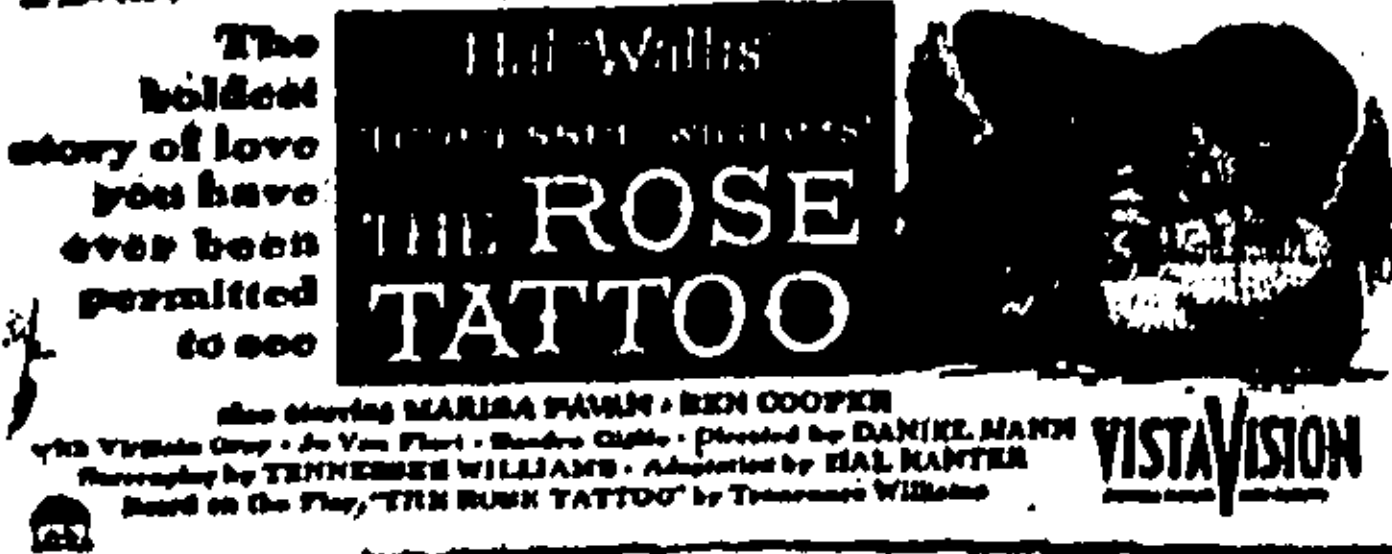
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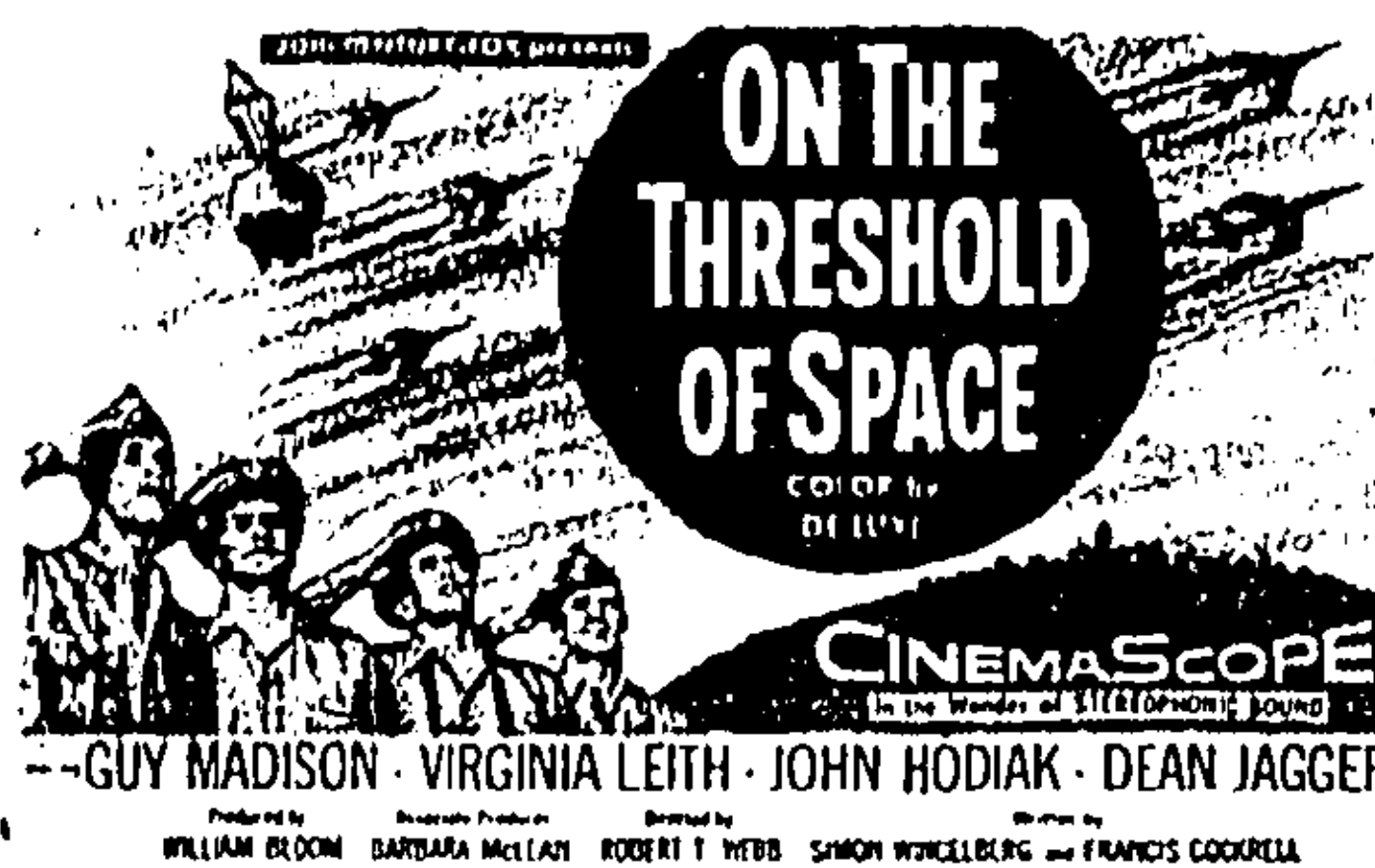


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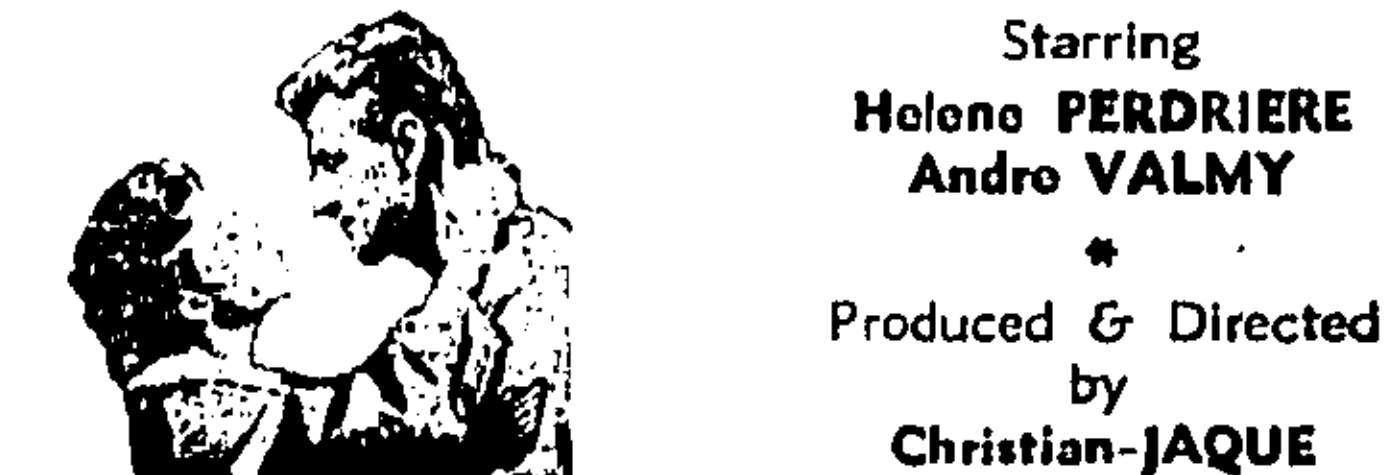
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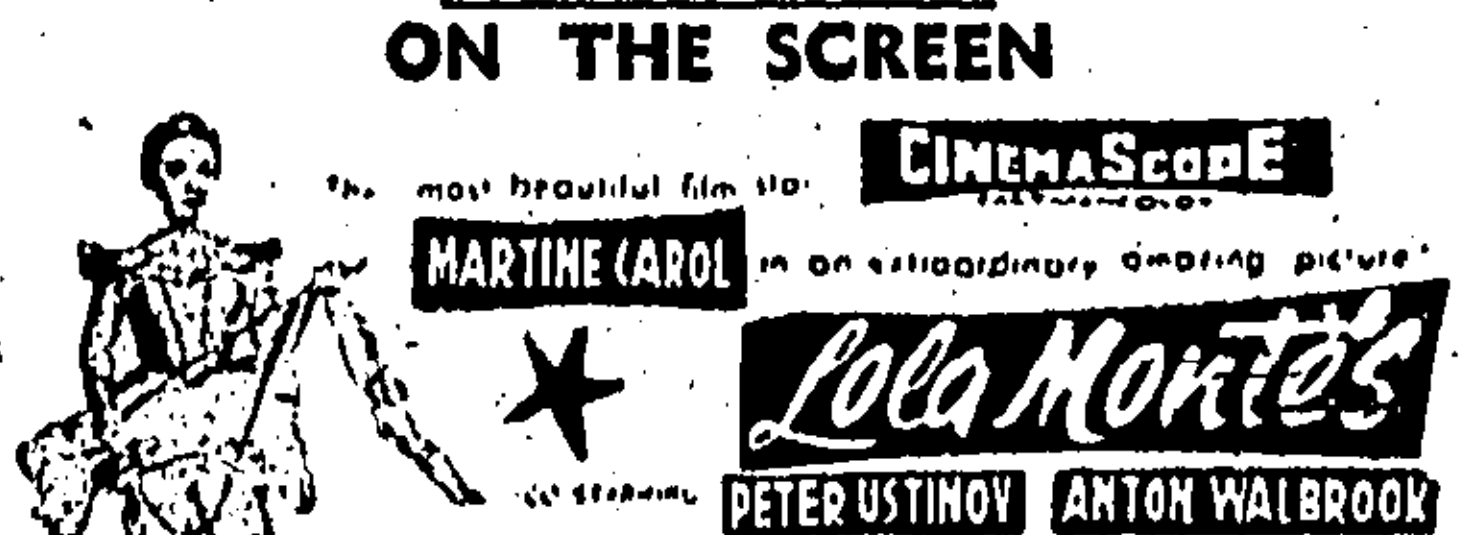


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JORDAN PREMIER FACING

Queen Juliana Visits Mine



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands is shown round a coalmine during her visit last week to the southwestern area of Holland.—Express Photo.

Malayan Minister Against Bases

Kuala Lumpur, May 23.
Malaya's Minister for Agriculture, Inche Abdul Aziz Bin Ishak, said in an article published here today he would continue to oppose the setting up of military bases in Malaya.

"To set up military base is to attract war, not to avoid it," he stated.

Writing in the latest issue of an official quarterly magazine of the War Resisters International with headquarters in London, Inche Aziz said:

Be On Guard

"I abhor colonialism and militant communism because both seek domination of people by force and both I think are the greatest enemies to freedom and to peace in the world today.

"Though colonialism in Malaya is on its way out, we have to be on our guard against those powers that will drag us into way to serve their own ends.

"There is no real victory for anyone in a war. It only creates bitterness, hatred and unending problems for the victors no less than the vanquished," Inche Aziz stated.—Reuter.

RED RICE OFFER

Karachi, May 23.
The Pakistan Ministry of Food announced today that Pakistan's Government has accepted a Soviet offer of 20,000 tons of rice and 20,000 tons of wheat for distribution in East Pakistan, which is threatened with a food shortage.

The Ministry announcement said that arrangements for the shipment of the Soviet food are now being discussed.—France-Press.

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NEW CRISIS Hussein Swept Along In Anti-West Tide

London, May 23.
The Foreign Office said today that no arrangements had been made for discussion with Jordan on revision or clarification of the 1948 Anglo-Jordan treaty which is due to run for 25 years.

Said Mufi who became Jordan Premier for the third time last weekend, was reported from Amman yesterday to be seeking "clarification" of the treaty.

He said he would also seek amendments requiring Britain to specify the amount of the annual British subsidy to Jordan and also for payments to be made to the Jordan Treasury instead of to the Arab Legion as at present.

Facing Crisis

The Foreign Office said that there had been no discussions on this matter since last April when, after the dismissal of General Glubb Pasha, the question of payments to the Arab Legion was raised.

"There have been no further arrangements for discussions," a spokesman said.

Meanwhile British Press reports from Amman indicated today that Mufi was already facing up to a fresh crisis involving Jordan's young King Hussein.

All the reports said that King Hussein is showing signs of being swept along with the rising tide of anti-British and anti-Western feeling and that pro-Egyptian national socialists in Jordan are making things difficult for Mufi.

The Daily Mail's Middle East correspondent said Mufi might prove to be only "a stop-gap unit," King Hussein critic his wife.

Arab Boycott

In London authoritative quarters attribute the criticism in Jordan mainly to King Hussein's impotence.

Under the Nationalist pressure, they said King Hussein seeks to be a leader of Arab states in supporting the anti-French struggle in North Africa and a full Arab boycott of France.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph, in an editorial, said it was ominous that the National Socialists had abstained from Mufi's new Cabinet.

The fact that they are to be excluded suggests that Mufi refused to accede to their demands. Had they joined him the meaning could not have been less than immediate demands for the treaty's abrogation and the withdrawal of the British armoured regiment from Akaba.

Not 'Nasserite'

"But it is not yet clear whether such demands have been dropped or merely postponed," the Telegraph said.

It said Mufi was probably not a "Nasserite," but, the editorial concluded, "the pressure upon him to become one is still strong and it can only be hoped that the new Cabinet symbolises more than an ephemeral resistance."—United Press.

DROWNING MYSTERY

Rome, May 23.
The body of a 31-year-old Indian civil servant was recovered from the river Tiber in Rome nine days ago, it was revealed today, after the police had finally identified the drowned man.

The civil servant, Paul Bahal Sara, had recently completed an assignment with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation headquarters in the Italian capital. He was due to return to his wife and children in India shortly.

No trace of violence was found on the body, but the police could not yet decide whether it was a case of accident or of suicide.

A sum of money he had drawn from the bank on the day he disappeared was found in a pocket of the dead man's clothing.—France-Press.

Wants Longer Parliaments

Wellington, May 23.
A plea for longer parliaments was made by Mr G. H. Swan, retiring president of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce in an address at its annual meeting.

Mr Swan expressed the view that under the present system the first year after an election, speaking broadly, was spent by a government in settling into office.

The second year was when the work was done and the third year most of the emphasis was given to the coming election.

"I believe we should extend the life of our Parliaments to four years as a major step towards stability," he said.—China Mail Special.

ACTOR'S WILL

Hollywood, May 23.
The estate of late actor Louis Calhern, valued at \$37,000, has been left to his divorced wife, Marianne Stewart Calhern, his will disclosed today.

The actor's will, filed in the Superior Court yesterday, also asked that his ex-wife be named executrix.

Calhern died in Tokyo on May 12.—United Press.

CHRIST AND BUDDHA WERE THE SAME PERSON, ACCORDING TO MONK

Calcutta, May 23.
Jesus Christ and Buddha were one and the same person, Buddha being known as the Christ in Western countries, according to the theory of a monk-teacher at India's Visva Bharati University.

In a thesis published today, the result of eight years' study, Swami Sankarananda says that a Singapore Buddhist Saint, Thera Maharakkhita, travelled to Greece and converted 170,000 people to Buddhism during the early days of the religion.

Sankarananda claims the name Jesus is a linguistic deformation of "Jahnu," one of Buddha's names. Both the word Buddha and the Greek form of Christ "Kristos" mean "Enlightened One" or "Cultivated Soul," he says.

He said the lives of Christ and Buddha, both were born while their mothers were travelling, both were tempted—Buddha by the evil spirit "Mara," Christ by Satan.

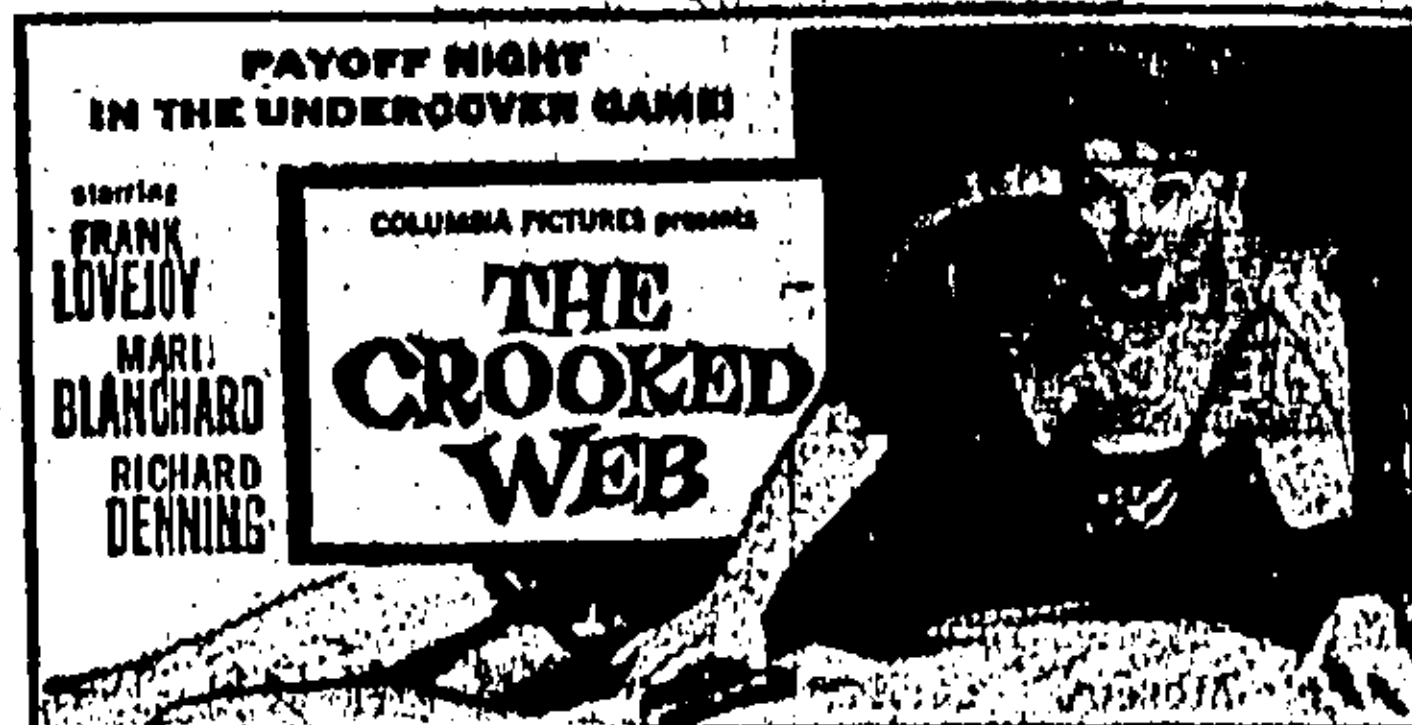
Sankarananda claims that 1,000 of Saint Thera Maharakkhita's converts to Buddhism in Greece wandered throughout Europe spreading the new religion.

He said the Singapore Buddhist book, the "Mahavamsa," mentions many Greek "Bhikkus"—Buddhist monks—but does not contain any reference to Christianity—indicating that there was no distinct religion.

He stresses similar religious observances between Christianity and Buddhism—religious councils, baptism in early Buddhism, similar methods of purification and renunciation of worldly things by monks of the two faiths.—France-Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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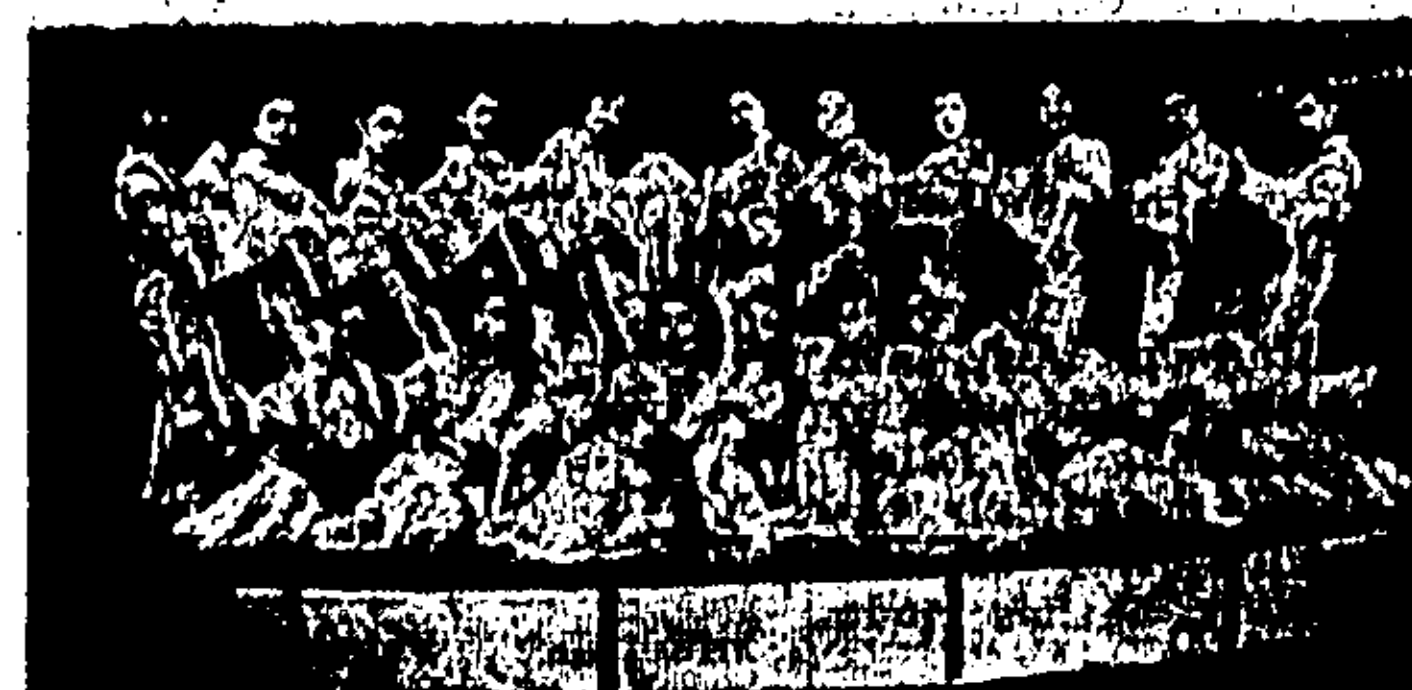


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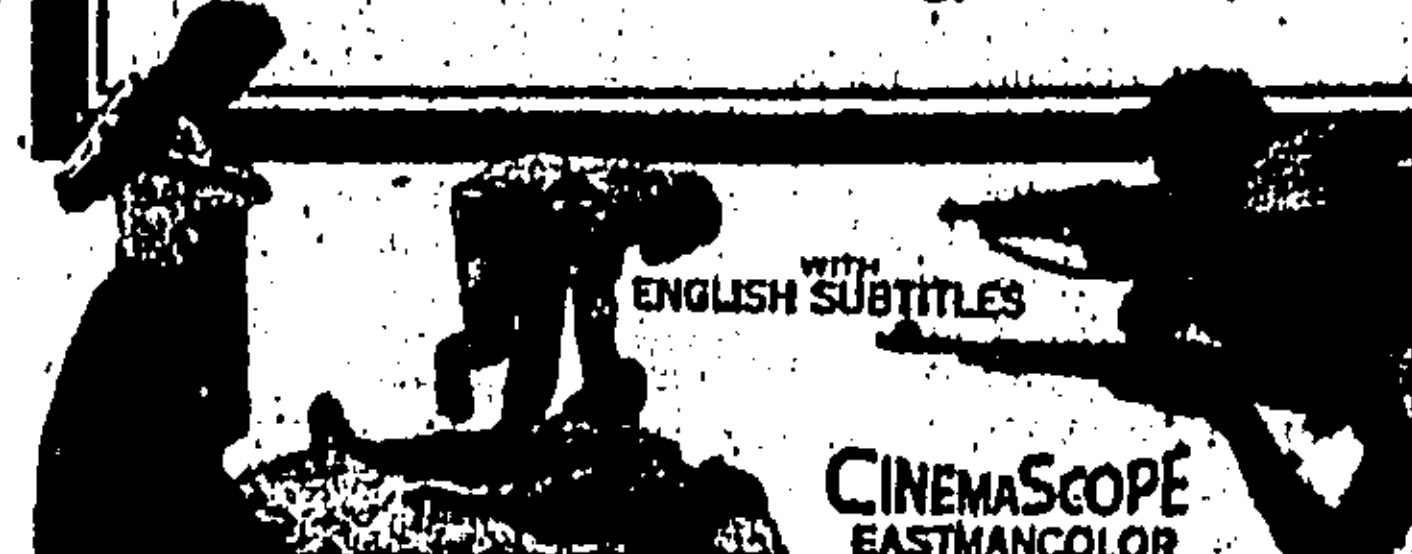
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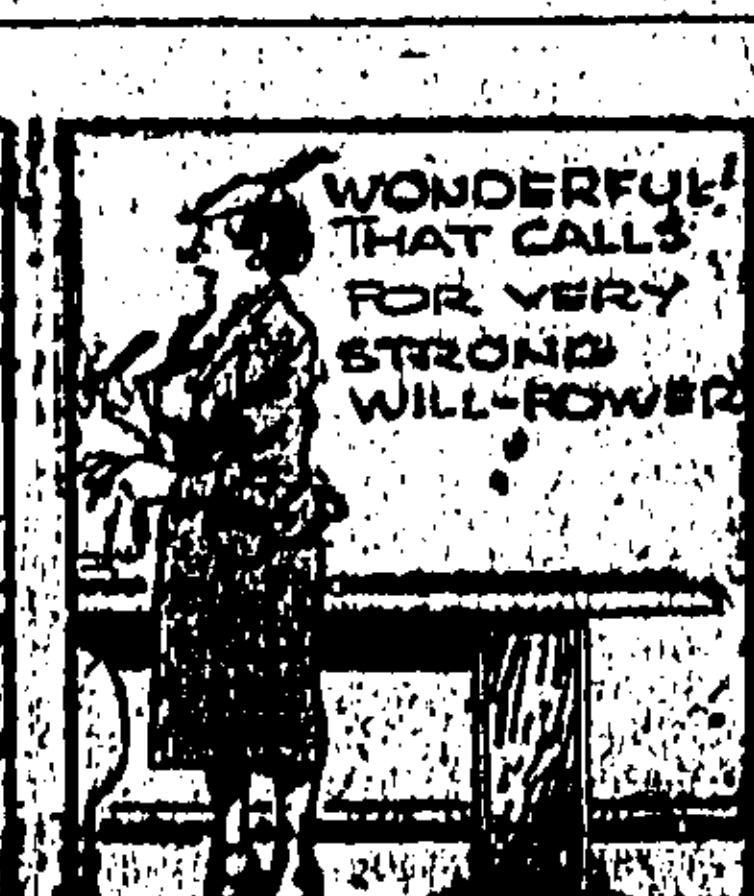
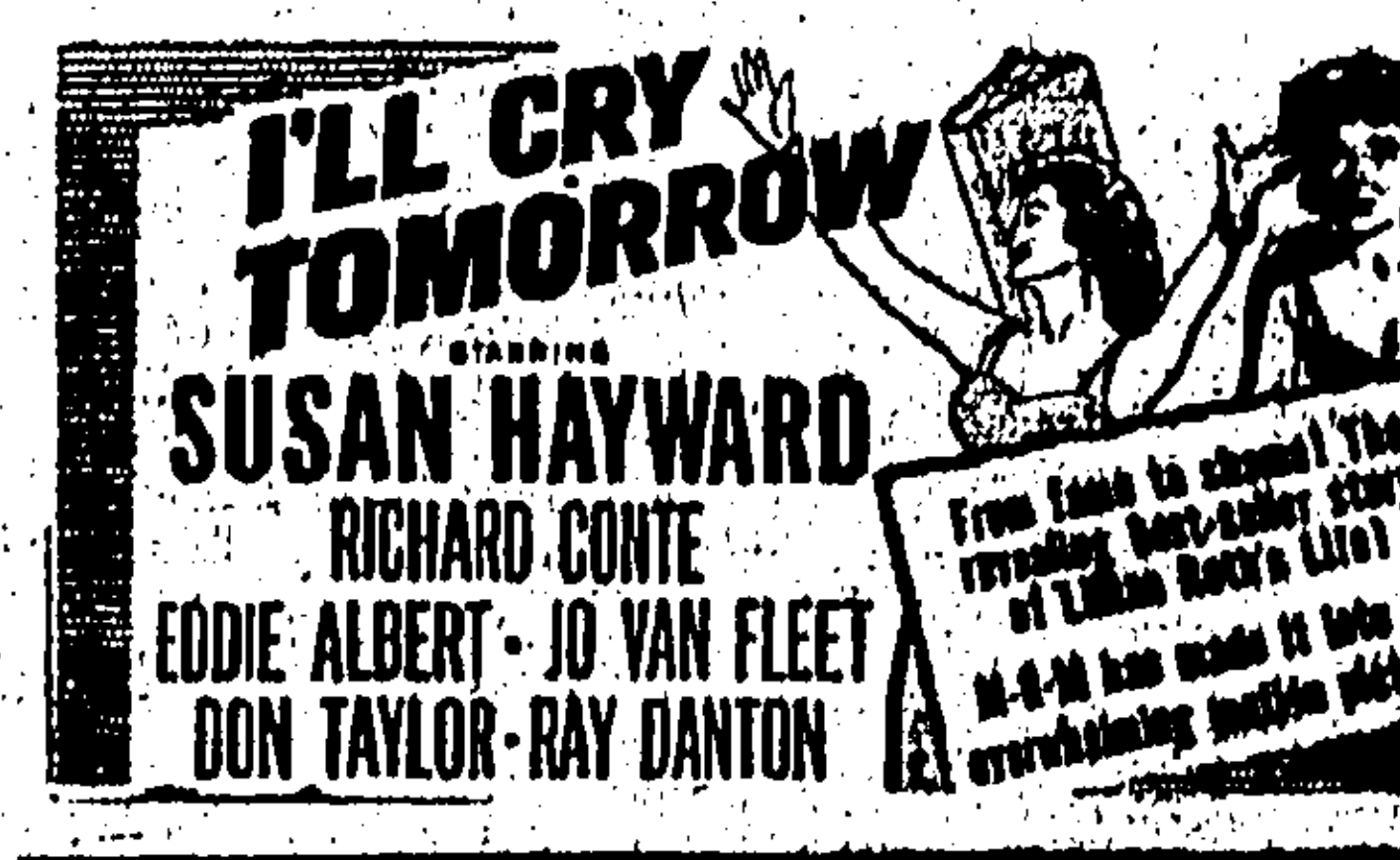


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200 Prisoners Recaptured

Rabat, May 23.
Some 200 Moroccan prisoners of a total of 300 who escaped from a Casablanca prison last Monday have been recaptured, said the Moroccan Minister of Information today.
Seven others have returned of their own free will, Ibrahim said.
The Minister said the mass outbreak was due to laxity among the European personnel of the prison.
He said the escaped prisoners were common criminals who pretended to be members of Moroccan "resistance groups".
—France-Press.

THE GOOD (AMERICAN) SAMARITAN

Bad Kissingen, May 23.
The mayors and leading citizens of Bad Kissingen and surrounding towns have voted Captain Frank R. Pietsch to be "German-American of the Year" because of his unit's many activities to help Germans.
These are some of the good deeds the 41st Engineer Battalion, which he commands, has done in recent months:
Cleared the ground for a hospital and several sports fields;
Twice restored the water supply of the nearby town of Nuedlingen;

FETED CHILDREN

Feted the children of an orphanage, given them presents and bought them a new radio for Christmas.
In a surprise presentation at a meeting of the local German-American committee the Germans expressed their thanks with gifts to the captain. They included a decorative beer stein, a rare 19th century print of Kissingen, a bottle of Franconian wine and a hand-made lace doily made by the nuns in charge of the orphanage. —China Mail Special.

Jobs For Refugees

Djakarta, May 23.
The Government is spending 15 million rupiahs (about £500,000 sterling) a month on refugees who are fleeing from rebel-ridden areas of the Celebes.
The money is being spent to give them employment in fishery and agriculture projects.
The authorities plan to open another rehabilitation project soon to give the refugees jobs cultivating tobacco. —China Mail Special.

Soekarno DOORS OPEN TO AMERICA FOR ASSISTANCE

New York, May 23.
President Soekarno, of Indonesia, today made a direct appeal to America's "kings of commerce" for aid without strings.

"We welcome assistance," he told a gathering of hundreds of businessmen at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. "But on one condition—that the assistance is not based on colonial economy."

"Give us assistance," declared the President, "but not at the expense of our freedom."

Such assistance, he added, would not be of benefit to Indonesia alone but would also benefit the United States.

Without Notes

The President was applauded vigorously when he exclaimed: "I love America and have high esteem for Americans" and was given a standing ovation at the end of his speech.

The occasion was an official luncheon given by the Mayor of New York, Mr. Robert F. Wagner. President Soekarno was presented with New York City's Medal of Honour and a special citation. In return he presented Mayor Wagner with a set of Japanese silver and a Bull Terrier worked in gold thread.

President Soekarno spoke entirely without notes in excellent English.

The President said it was a mistake to regard Indonesia as part of the "old" world and the United States as part of the "new."

"You in America entered the 20th century 150 years ago," he declared. "Other nations entered the 20th century 50 years ago. My nation entered the 20th century only 11 years ago. That is why I say we are the youngest nation and you are the oldest."

Might Reach 200m

President Soekarno said that every year the population of Indonesia was increasing by a million until it might reach 200 million.
"Our doors are open for assistance," he exclaimed in ringing tones. "Please, gentlemen, our doors are open for assistance. Indonesia is very rich in resources. At least 30 per cent of your motor car tyres are made of

Indonesian rubber, 30 per cent of the tin used here is from Indonesia.

"Indonesia is not only one of the most beautiful spots in the world but is one of the richest countries in the world."

"But all that richness is still in the ground. We have a great lack of human skill, a great lack of capital to dig this richness. That is why we welcome assistance, but not at the expense of our freedom. It was Lincoln and Jefferson who taught us to love freedom." —Reuter.

BEGGARS PREFER THEIR JOB

Lucknow, May 23.
Beggars can be choosers, it seems — at any rate in Lucknow.

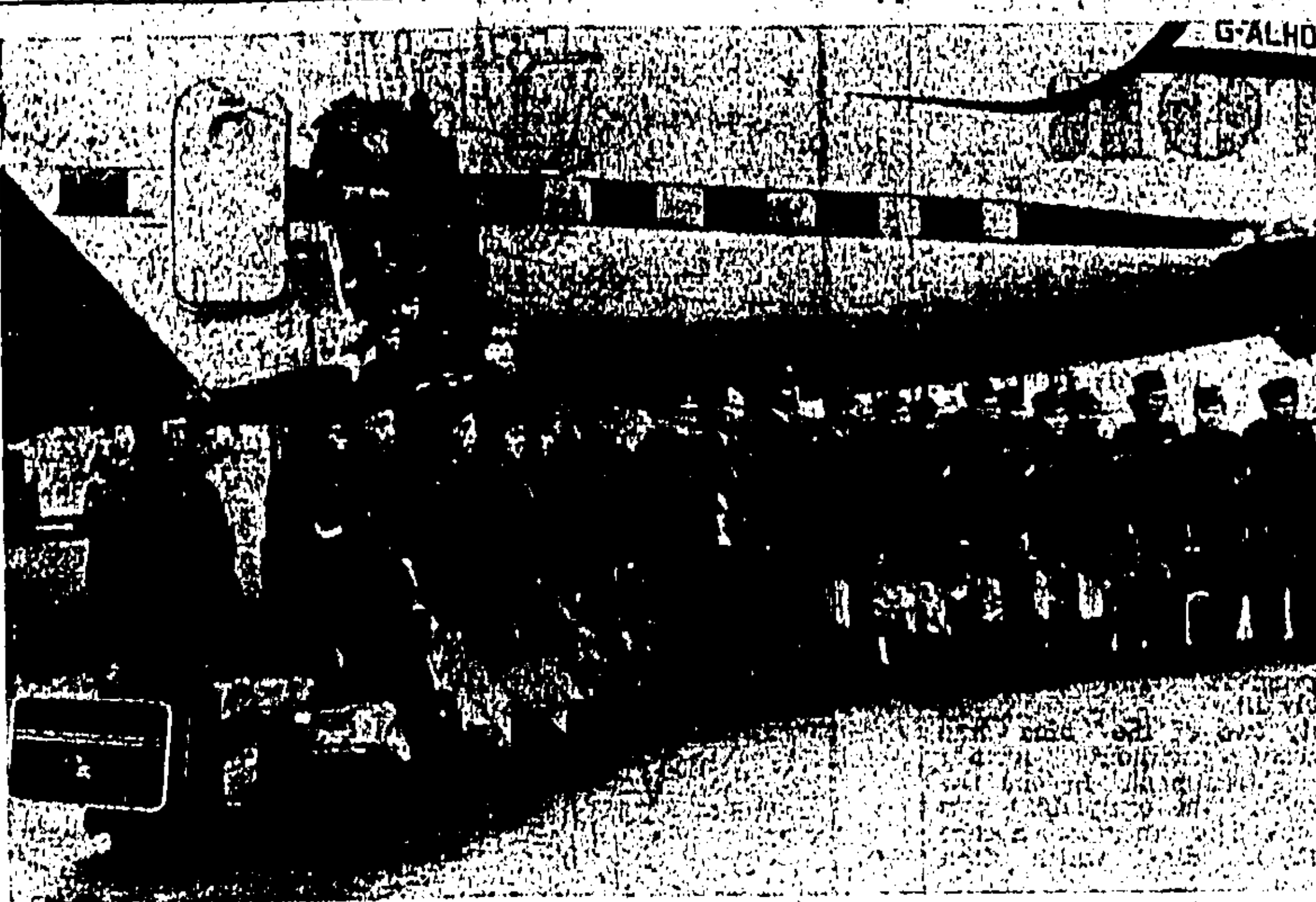
A survey carried out among the city's 2,000 beggars by the Municipal Board showed that some of the beggars were educated and chose the profession "just for the love of it."

Others said they had inherited the trade from their forefathers and would like to keep it up. Most of them refused the help of any social institutions who promised to rehabilitate them.

PREFER TO MARRY

Only among women beggars below the age of 30 was there much dissatisfaction. Many of these said they would prefer to marry and lead a homely life.

The survey found that most beggars had families and some had as many as between four and eight dependants to feed. The oldest beggar in the city was 110 years old and still "working." —China Mail Special.



Members of the Malayan Police Pipe Band, which is to take part in the Royal Tournament in Earl's Court from June 6 to June 23, are shown following their arrival at London Airport last week. —Express Photo.

RUMANIAN PRESIDENT TO REST

London, May 23.
Dr. Petru Groza, Rumanian President, suffered another attack of coronary thrombosis today — his second in a week — according to the Agerpress, the Rumanian news agency.



His general condition remained satisfactory, however, it added.
Dr. Groza suffered his first attack last Thursday and was ordered a complete rest. But, as a radio said on Saturday.

He is 71 and is leader of the pro-Communist "Ploughman's Front."

He was Prime Minister from 1945 to 1952 when he was appointed President of the National Assembly. —Reuter.

WELL FULL OF SKULLS

Agra, May 23.
Engineers laying a sewer near the ancient Red Fort in Agra have unearthed two wells full of human skulls and bones.

Nothing definite is known about the remains. Some people believe that they were the bones of prisoners kept by the Moghul Emperor, Shah Jehan in the Red Fort.

Another theory is that the remains may belong to people killed in the Indian Mutiny of 1857. —China Mail Special.

Powerful New US Rocket

New York, May 23.
The United States Army today possesses a new anti-aircraft rocket whose performance is by far superior to that of "Nike," a US Army spokesman said today.

The new rocket, baptised "Nike B", can reach an altitude far beyond that of any aeroplane in production today, the spokesman said. The American press has been invited next Tuesday to follow a series of tests of this latest arm.

The spokesman said the US Army had formed a unit especially trained to mount atomic warheads to rockets launched from the ground. —France-Press.

Deep Quake

Pasadena, May 23.
A two-jolt major earthquake 250 miles below the active surface and about 4,100 miles from here, in an unknown direction was recorded today by the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Charles Richter, Caltech seismologist, said the two jolts were of a magnitude of about 7.0 on his Richter Scale and 2.0 on the Richter Scale. He doubted that the quake could have caused any damage or that the surface tremors of that magnitude were of that depth. —United Press.

Nehru Expected To Pursue Algerian Plan

New Delhi, May 23.
Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, is expected to follow up his five-point plan for a peaceful settlement of the Algerian situation when he visits Paris and Cairo in July.

After attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London and meeting President Eisenhower for talks in Washington, Mr. Nehru is scheduled to visit Paris in response to an invitation from the French Government. He will later stop in Cairo for one day on his way home.

Difficulties

His Algerian proposals came as a surprise here, and there was no indication that the French Government was informed in advance. But the Algerian position was fully discussed with the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Christian Pineau, during his visit to New Delhi in March. In subsequent speeches, Mr. Nehru has returned to the recognition of French difficulties in Algeria.

Indian political circles feel that the plan takes these difficulties into account and was put forward only after full and sympathetic assessment both of the position of the French Government and of Algerian nationalists.

These circles also point out that India put forward proposals for a settlement in Indo-China some months before negotiations on similar lines were finally concluded.

Five Points

Mr. Nehru's five points are: "Firstly, that an atmosphere of peaceful approach be promoted by formal declarations by both sides of the substance of their recent statements in favour of ending violence;

"Secondly, that the national entity and personality of Algeria be recognised by the French Government on the basis of freedom;

"Thirdly, that the equality of the people of Algeria, irrespective of their race, be recognised by all concerned;

"Fourthly, recognition that Algeria is the homeland of all the people of Algeria, irrespective of race, and that they shall be entitled to the benefits and to share the burdens arising from recognition of Algerian national entity and personality and freedom;

"Fifthly, that direct negotiations based on the above basic ideas and in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations be inaugurated." —Reuter.

Legionnaires

Rescue Soldier

Algiers, May 23.
Foreign Legionnaires today rescued a young French soldier who had been held in an ambush last Friday near Palermo in which 17 French soldiers were massacred.

The soldier, identified as Pierre Dumas, was found in a cave in the Bou Zegza mountains, 35 miles southeast of Algiers, after a climb of 1,500 feet. —China Mail Special.

By his side was the dead body of another missing Frenchman, Jean David-Nillet, also seized in the Palestro ambush.

Two other members of the same unit are still missing. Some 4,000 French troops have been thrown into the search in a vast sweep through the Bou Zegza mountains.

French authorities said 17 rebels were killed in the first day's operations and 30 suspects arrested.

More Training

The Palestro ambush—one of the heaviest single blows struck by the rebels against French forces—resulted in a French Government decision to give all reservists four months' training in France before shipping them to Algeria.

The ambushed unit had been recalled to the colours only three weeks earlier. —United Press.

CAT TENDS SICK OWNER

Amsterdam, May 23.
A housewife who fell ill at Zaandam found an unexpected nurse in her pet angora cat.

As soon as the woman went to bed the cat came into her room, and left again after a few minutes. It returned shortly jumped on the bed, and deposited a choice piece of fish beside its mistress.

Several times the same day, the cat went to the kitchen, found more food and brought it into the bedroom. The procedure lasted the entire 10 days the woman spent in bed.

When she appeared at table again and offered her cat a piece of liver the animal refused it and placed it at its mistress' foot.

The woman gave the liver back and the cat returned to its normal life. —China Mail Special.

ATOM-MEN IN MANILA

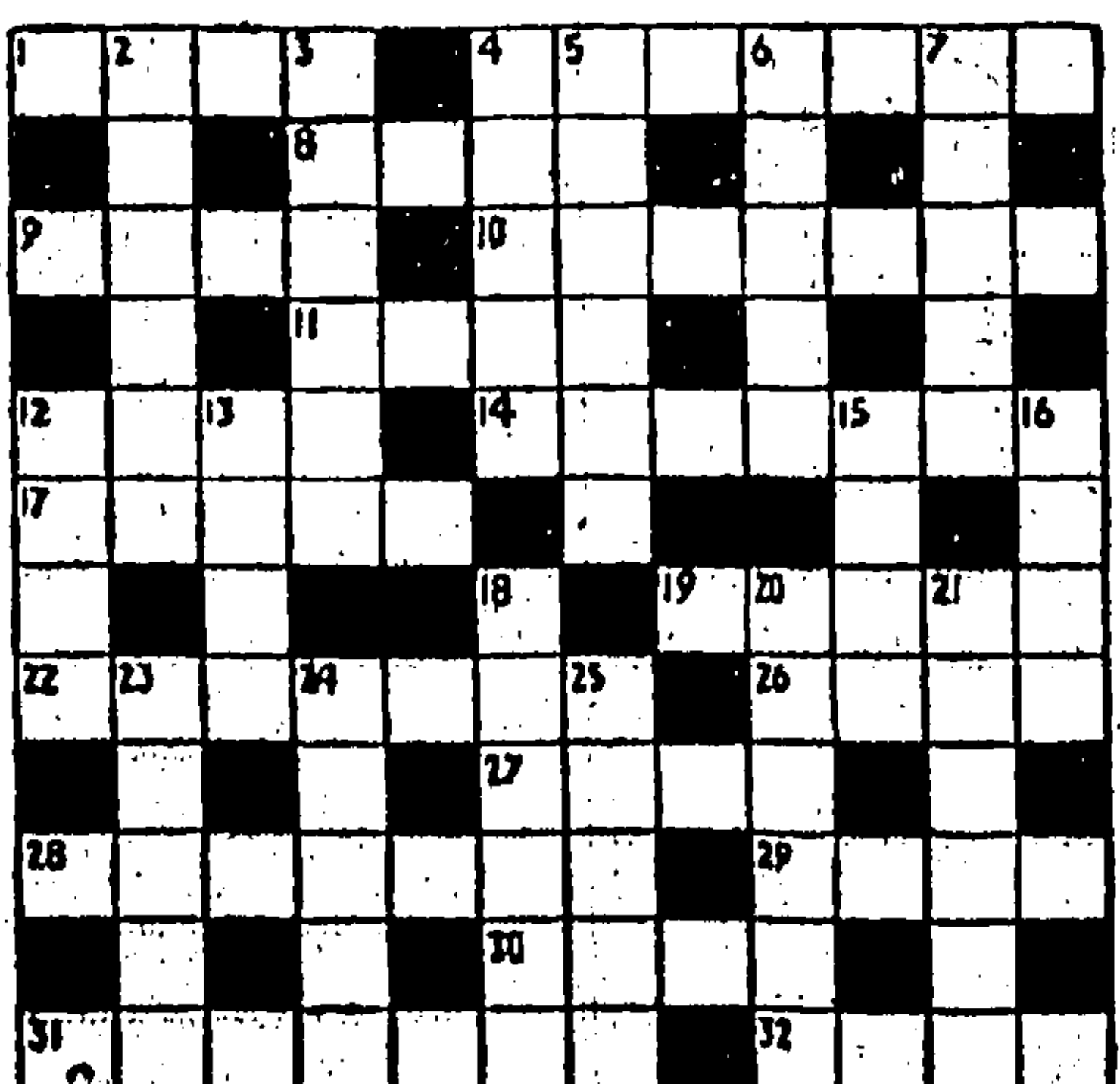
Manila, May 23.
Ten United States nuclear experts, who arrived in Manila tonight by air from Hongkong, will discuss with local officials and scientists the role of the Philippines as research centre for studies in peaceful uses of atomic energy in the Far East.

Dr. Marvin Fox, who heads the group, disclosing this in an interview at the airport, said: "We are here to find out how peaceful uses of this atom can be applied in such a way as to suit the economy of the country." —Reuter.

Housewives at Skien, Norway, are for 50 days to feed the 10,000 schoolboy inmates who will attend a festival there at the end of June.

Altogether 300,000 sandwiches will be stored in Skien to keep them fresh. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1 Good (4).
4 Trying out (7).
8 Egg-shaped (4).
9 Bill of fare (4).
10 Nautical rope (7).
11 Fat (4).
12 Withered (4).
14 Withdrawals from (7).
17 Got up (5).
19 Snake (5).
22 Ghost (7).
23 Turn (4).
27 Discover (4).
28 Rough paving stones (7).
29 Object of worship (4).
30 Mountain lake (4).
31 Diplomat's residence (7).
32 Expanded (4).
- DOWN
2 Esteem above others (9).
3 Waken (5).
4 Yarns (5).
5 Highly ceased (6).
6 Fragrant herb (5).
7 Tend (5).
12 Weakens (4).
15 Part (4).
16 American top (4).
18 Kind (4).
20 Welcomes (6).
21 Freeing from moisture (6).
22 Request for repatriation (6).
24 Introduction (5).
25 Another snake (5).
26 Attempt (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across 1 Appeal, 5 Loose, 8 Ruler, 9 Signal, 10 Nivid, 11 Bore, 12 Left, 13 Road, 14 Army, 15 Transit, 16 Dunes, 17 Chain, 18 Tunes, 19 Violets, 20 Battle, 21 Tunes, 22 Dunes, 23 Decay, 24 Down, 25 Absolved, 26 Plaster, 27 Arm, 28 Release, 29 Livestock, 30 Orion, 31 Billy, 32 Atlantic, 33 Transport, 34 Arrow, 35 Suffered, 36 Estate, 37 Rain, 38 Sale.

Frogs From The Sky

Simons town, May 23.
Glencair near Simons town had a shower of frogs recently.

The water superintendent, Mr. L. R. lo Olua, reported that he was on duty in the Upper Glencair area when a meter reader came to tell him that it was raining frogs outside.

He said "At first we thought it was hail, as the frogs were splashing down in the same way. They were small grey frogs, about half inch in size, and they were alive. The whole area was littered with them."

"They were definitely falling with the rain and not hatching out of the ground during the downpour. It has happened on rare occasions before," —China Mail Special.

Swiss Climbers Held Up

New Delhi, May 23.
Bad weather has held up the eleven-man Swiss expedition's attempt to climb the peaks of Everest and Lhotse.

A brief message from the expedition's leader, Albert Egler, to the Nepalese Foreign Office tonight said: "A small hold-up by bad weather and monsoon, temporarily checked progress."

The message did not give the climber's position on the mountain although on May 15, they were reported to have reached the 20,000-foot summit of which could serve as a jumping-off point for an assault on either Everest or Lhotse. —China Mail Special.

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A REPORT AS HUMAN AS IT IS SCIENTIFIC NOW... GOD AND YOUR DOCTOR

By Chapman Pincher

A doctor needs more than new drugs: he needs new thought, new approaches to new problems. Such a problem is faith-healing, with its so-called "miracle cures." Today ten eminent doctors publish their report on a two-year inquiry into this subject—a report with a completely new approach. They have sent it to a similar church committee set up by the two archbishops. Its often surprising conclusions are reported for you here—

THE incalculable value of faith in God in fighting illness is the dominant theme of this unbiased report. The words are warmly human as well as coldly scientific.

The inquiry, in which every member of the medical profession was asked to help, disclosed that many doctors are fervent believers in the power of Divine Healing.

• They have no trust in unqualified faith-healers but they attribute much of their own success to God's guidance.

Many of them pray for help in treating their patients. In some hospitals physicians lead the wards in morning prayer, believing that for many people communion with God is more curative than drugs.

"Giving the patient a personal faith that God can satisfy his deepest needs supports him in adversity," the report states. "In organic illness he becomes courageous and co-operative, and if his condition proves to be fatal he dies in peace."

The B.M.A. investigators admit that many people have undoubtedly been freed from distressing symptoms by faith-healers who have done nothing more than "laid on hands" in the name of God.

But nearly all these people were suffering from symptoms of purely mental or emotional origin.

There was nothing organically wrong with them.

Such symptoms can be cleared up by cleverly suggesting to

the patient that he will get well and making him believe it, as faith-healers do. Successful psychiatrists and family doctors make full use of this technique. It is well-known that the doctor who inspires confidence produces the best results.

In spite of this admission the B.M.A. comes down heavily against the unqualified faith-healer because of the injuries he can cause through ignorance. The faith-healer usually treats illness without knowing anything about it. When he relieves pain he may be doing great damage, for pain is the doctor's best clue to the cause and should not be relieved until the cause has been discovered.

Cripples have often been relieved of pain during faith-healing demonstrations they have thrown away their crutches and walked off.

But they have damaged their injured joints so much that they have had to lean more heavily on their crutches than ever half an hour later.

It may even be dangerous for a faith-healer to treat purely emotional symptoms, such as severe depression, if he stresses that he is working through the power of God, the doctors warn.

• For if the treatment fails the patient may convince himself he has been deserted by God and commit suicide.

The doctors could find no acceptable case where a patient had been cured of an organic disorder such as cancer, or

tuberculosis, as a result of spiritual healing.

They investigated nine cases submitted by Mr. Harry Edwards, a well-known faith-healer, in which he claimed spiritual healing had occurred.

There were four cases of disorders which doctors had pronounced incurable and from which they were alleged to have recovered following spiritual healing.

Three of them died from their diseases while the inquiry was in progress. The fourth is gravely ill.

Only two of the nine had recovered without further medical treatment. In one the nature of the complaint was doubtful. The other was a case of "slipped disc," which often rights itself.

Other instances in which other faith-healers seemed to have achieved cures turned out to be due to wrong diagnoses by the patients' doctors.

Thus some cases of epilepsy proved to be hysteria—an emotional disorder which responds to suggestion.

• Doctors admit there is a small core of cures, including some at Lourdes, which they cannot explain by existing knowledge.

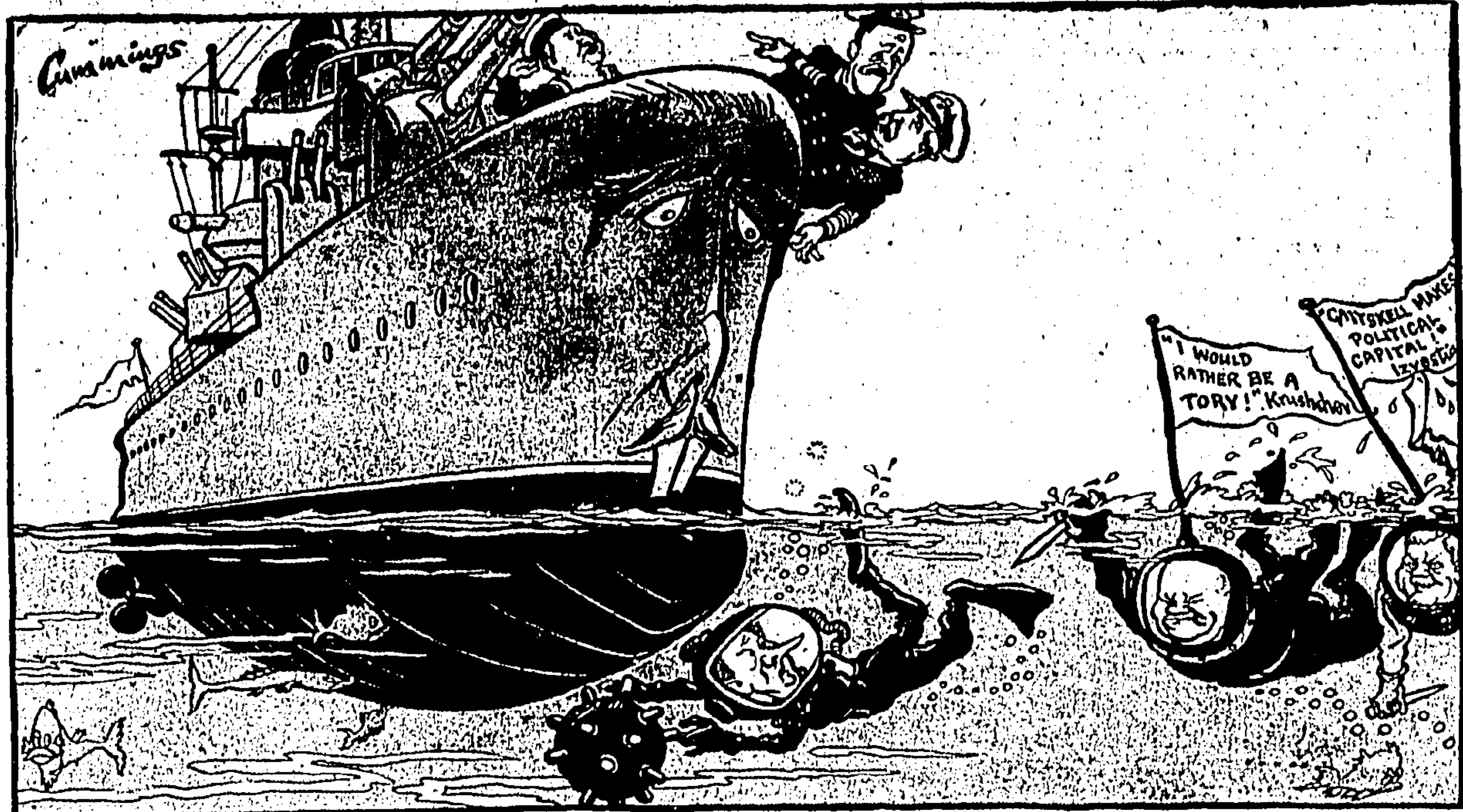
But they point out that there are rare instances when what looks like being an inevitably fatal illness suddenly clears up.

Or the complaint becomes so quiescent that patients who have been expected to die in six months live for 20 years.

Some of the cures claimed by faith-healers are probably in this category. They seem to be evidence in support of the faith-healers' claims but they also occur among people who have never sought spiritual aid.

Indeed, as the doctors point out, some of these people die after their recovery to some diet they happened to try or some charm they wear.

The B.M.A. investigators clearly believe there would be less suffering in the world if greater use were made of the power of faith to heal and succour the sick.



Quick, Selwyn—two hon. membership cards for the Tory Party, and a couple of freedoms of the Carlton Club.

London Express Service

DON IDDON'S DIARY

JUST DON'T SELL BRITAIN SHORT

THIS is not a summing up of my Follow-the-Flag journeys, as I still have the West Indies and Bermuda to visit. But as I am in England for a few days it would perhaps be a waste not to report some reactions after a trip that has covered over 30,000 miles and ranged the vast Empire and Commonwealth. The British should stop running down Britain. It is bad business, poor politics, and a slow form of self-destruction.

Not so bad

EVER since I have been here Englishmen and Englishwomen have been telling me: "Britain is apathetic, lying down on

the job. The working man won't work—he's only interested in the pay packet, sport, beer, cigarettes, and time off."

On Lancashire business men told me in Preston: "We are in a terrible crisis—as bad as the war in some ways. Inflation is choking us to death. The wage demands month after month must end or we go under."

Almost everyone I have talked to has reduced regard for the present Government and several people have said: "There is not a man of really great stature in the Cabinet. We have plenty of polished diplomats, wonderful compromisers, but no big leaders. We are fumbling and could be foundering."

I cannot believe the situation is as bad as that.

I have watched and heard funeral services held over Britain so many times but the burial never takes place.

The Americans, well meaning, generous but inclined to lecture

and meddle, have been saying for years that the British Empire is only a remnant of what it was, that it is rapidly vanishing.

Well, where have I been all these weeks? I have covered huge tracts of land, visited magnificent cities and towns, seen mills and mines and oil wells, and the flag has flown over all of them.

Despite the extent and length of the tour I have touched down only on a fraction of the Commonwealth.

Ashamed

NOT only should we stop this running down of ourselves and our country but we should learn more about our heritage.

I am depressed over the ignorance of the average Englishman, Scotsman, Welshman, and Irishman about the British Commonwealth.

What are our schoolteachers teaching? Has the Empire been banned from our school books? Here we have a mighty family of British nations

white and coloured—and not only do we fail to sing their glories and successes but sometimes seem positively ashamed of even having a Commonwealth.

The Socialists, and particularly the travelling Socialist Member of Parliament, must take a lot of the blame. I think particularly of Barbara Castle, who may be very popular in Blackburn but is not very popular in Nairobi.

Officials told me in Kenya: "She came with her mind already made up. She would not learn from on-the-spot observation. She wanted to make one particular trip but would not get up at eight o'clock in the morning—that's too early for me." It's not too early for most Lancashire workers.

There is an infection among the Labour politicians to consider the British always wrong and the foreigner always right, to assert that we are the exploiters of the poor oppressed natives. It is a strange illness and has weakened us.

I will go into the subject in detail when I have completed

the Follow-the-Flag tour, but for the time being here is the warning: Don't Sell Britain Short—Don't Be Ashamed of the Empire.

There are one or two things and one or two people I would like to make care of now that I am in England.

Singapore's acting Chief Minister, Mr. Chew Swee Kee, called a Press conference recently and, discussing my Singapore Diary, said: "This is journalism at its lowest ebb—this does nobody any good... not even to the country of the journalist. This type of journalism spreads bad feeling between the two countries."

Mr. Kee also said he would ask the Singapore Union of Journalists to take up the matter; I hope he does. Everything I wrote from Singapore and everywhere else was the simple truth—the hard fact, the heart of the matter.

In the 20 years I have been a foreign correspondent, and the 14 years I have been writing the column, my accuracy has never been questioned.

In support

THIS is the first denial of anything I have written in the newspaper in which my dispatches appear.

After the Acting Chief Minister's statement an Englishwoman in Singapore wrote to the Singapore Standard: "He knows perfectly well that everything that Don Iddon said about a strong anti-European movement here in Singapore is perfectly true." She went on to give instances of indignities and anti-European incidents.

The Minister then held another Press conference denouncing the Englishwoman, and saying: "Don Iddon also heard the same thing from someone. However there is no concrete evidence. This woman is suffering from illusions."

A Chinese student, S. C. Tai, of Singapore wrote in support of the Englishwoman and myself: "I believe what she has written is the naked truth."

Magnificent

IT is men like Mr. Chew Swee Kee who demand immediate self-government for Singapore. He has hardly demonstrated his fitness even to govern or control himself.

But the rest of the mail is pleasing and some of it moving. The parents of Lance Corporal John Cox, whom I met in the Kenya bush and who had just shot a Mau Mau, wrote: "We have not seen him for 12 months... so we hope you will not mind us asking you who have seen him how he was looking."

And whether his morale seemed good. He wrote us that he had shot a Mau Mau and it made him feel queer, he said. After all, he is not quite 20 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, your son looked splendid and his morale and the morale of all the officers and men—all the security forces—is magnificent.

It is men such as these who are serving us all over the world. They are not running their country down; they are not ignorant about the Commonwealth and Empire. They are seeing it as it first hand and they are making their lives for the flag.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

NOW EVERYONE GOES TO SEE DE GAULLE

... does it mean he will return to power?

THE smartest thing to do among important French politicians these days is to pay a regular pilgrimage to the hamlet of Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, where General Charles de Gaulle lives in retirement.

There in Freudian terms, they undergo a kind of political psycho-analysis and they confess their fears, doubts and hope to the Father Image.

The streams of visitors from Paris has been so considerable that it has almost created a traffic problem in the normally sleepy Colombey.

A man so occupied, for example, as the Socialist governor of Algeria, M. Robert Lacoste, thinks nothing of driving 200 miles to see de Gaulle before he attends important Cabinet meetings.

A dozen other political figures including Ministers like M. Mendès-France, see the general regularly.

What do they tell him and what does he tell them?

Roughly, they all tell de Gaulle that they are now convinced that the present parliamentary system in France is unworkable, that it cannot cope with the increasing worsening conditions

situation in Algeria, and that it could not possibly survive Algeria's loss.

They add that they are now supporters of the kind of radical constitutional reform long advocated by de Gaulle, which would give France a form of government modelled on the American Presidential system.

These confessions must be highly pleasing to de Gaulle's ears.

After all, he resigned from power ten years ago on this very issue of constitutional reform, and he still remembers the relief with which the politicians saw him go and reverted to the traditional French political game.

DENOUNCEMENT

NOW politicians on the right, and left are vying with each other in denouncing the present system.

Even former Premier and leader of the right, M. Pinay, is now for de Gaulle. The Socialist Premier, M. Mollet, anticipates competition by devising a major speech to the needs of constitutional reform.

Even Pierre Poullaud swells the chorus with a surprise declaration that he would support de Gaulle's return to power.

De Gaulle's answer is clear: He would accept a call to office by President de Gaulle.

Republic (such a call is permissible under the Constitution) but he would do so under two conditions:

1.—The dissolution of the present Parliament;

2.—The adoption by the country in a referendum of a new constitution based on the U.S. model.

What then are his prospects? Certainly, if disaster overtook the French in Algeria, his recall would become almost inevitable. But short of disaster, let no one underestimate the capacity of French politicians to go on talking instead of acting.

Meanwhile it is once again useful to be a de Gaulle.

PICASSO'S BOWLER

THAT beautiful bowler Picasso wore at the premiere of his film at the Cannes Film Festival was made in London 30 years ago. He last wore it, and the aging tuxedo which accompanied it, at a Diaghilev ballet performance in London.

The Prince de Polignac has withdrawn from the exclusive Jockey Club because of objections to the fact that his coat of arms is used in advertisements of the casino of that name.

POLICE ACT

DURING Marshal Tito's visit Paris police seem no doubt bent on providing him with unnecessary tips on how his own police should behave in the event of trouble.

Last week a group of Catholics gathered near the Yugoslav Embassy to offer prayers for their persecuted religious in Yugoslavia. They

were promptly hustled into black maras.

Some photographers who took pictures of them were beaten up, kicked while on the ground and their cameras were smashed.

Finally, a posse of police chased a 12-year-old boy whom they took into custody and whisked of derision from on-lookers.

LOGIC

I HAVE received a form from the French inland Revenue addressed simply to "M. Walte or M. Weith."

It informs me that I am liable to the special tax levied on people renting furnished flats.

The punishment threatened for non-payment of the tax—seizure of the furniture which is not mine, otherwise I would not be subject to the special tax.

PENSIVE

What the stars foretell: The American film star, Kim Novak, danced in Paris with Aly Khan. He looked dangerously pensive.

QUOTES

OLIVIA de Havilland: Since I have lived in France I have substituted a river specialist for the psycho-analyst I employed in Hollywood. I feel much happier.

Prince Paul Minetti: The decay of civilisation of a people is measured by the interest it takes in the life of birds.

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• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

SOME vernal impulse, some demon in the blood is the only possible explanation of takehelly C. Suet Esq. inviting you to Mink's Skinning to meet him for tea in the Kettle on the Hot tea-rooms.

Her acceptance, gracious within the bounds of decorum, announced that she would be there at 4.30. Yet can one not hear, between the lines, the merry, merry pines of Pan? May not a round of buttered (sic) toast be a stepping-stone to Romance? What need of words when a trembling hand at the tea-pot is the reply to Suet's opening attack, "You look very fit"? Can he trust his voice not to break as he says, "Another piece of toast"? Can she accept the proffered delicacy without that blush which is the charming ensign of a fluttering heart?

TARGET

M	C	O
I	I	A
I	T	D

HOW many of the four words or more can you find in the letters in the square? The letters in the square are: M, C, O, I, I, A, I, T, D. The words are: Mink, Cakes, Omelette, Icing, and Dainties.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: AGONY: A, G, O, N, Y. ANTHOLOGY: A, N, T, H, O, L, O, G, Y. POST: P, O, S, T. POSTAGE: P, O, S, T, A, G, E. POSTAL: P, O, S, T, A, L. POSTMAN: P, O, S, T, M, A, N. POSTBOX: P, O, S, T, B, O, X. POSTAGE: P, O, S, T, A, G, E. POSTAL: P, O, S, T, A, L. POSTMAN: P, O, S, T, M, A, N. POSTBOX: P, O, S, T, B, O, X.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 24

BORN today, you are one of those whose emotions are near the top. Gentle, kind and loving by nature, you are happiest when all invite and contentment around you. Fact and diplomatic under even the most trying circumstances, you should make a good politician or lawyer. You are what is called a "good mixer" without trusting yourself forward too obviously. You are not, however, entirely submissive to the ideas of others. You enjoy arguing just for the sake of putting up a good argument and proving your own point of view. For this reason, you would be a fine sponsor to promote a new idea.

Since you have literary, musical and artistic talents, you probably will be happiest if you select one of the fields as your profession. You are not too happy working under the direct supervision of another person for you are too much of an individualist for that. You have a great deal of physical stamina and mental vigour. You have an in-

quishing mind and like to learn as much as you can about a multitude of subjects. You have a good memory and you are usually well-informed about past as well as current events.

Your magnetic personality will make you a host of friends. You are attractive to members of the opposite sex and will have several opportunities to wed. Future love heart and you will be exceptionally happy.

Among those born on this date are: Queen Victoria of England; Stephen Girard, philanthropist; Sir Arthur Pinero, playwright; Robert B. Howers, composer; Richard Mansfield, actor; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist; James O'Connell, poet; and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted churchman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

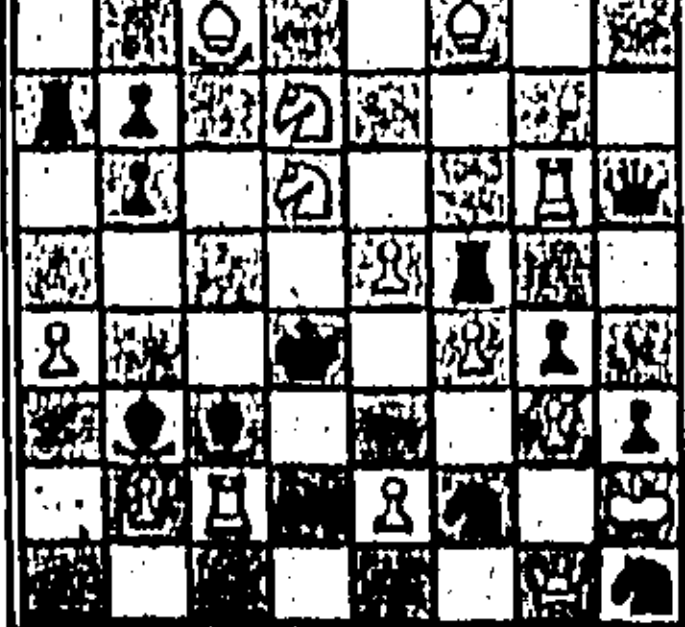
LEO (May 22-June 21)—Take time to finish up a job already begun so that you will be ready for tomorrow's new opportunity.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This can be a happy, pleasurable day. Make up for any opportunity lost yesterday. Enjoy yourself.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. SALARDINI

Black, 12 pieces



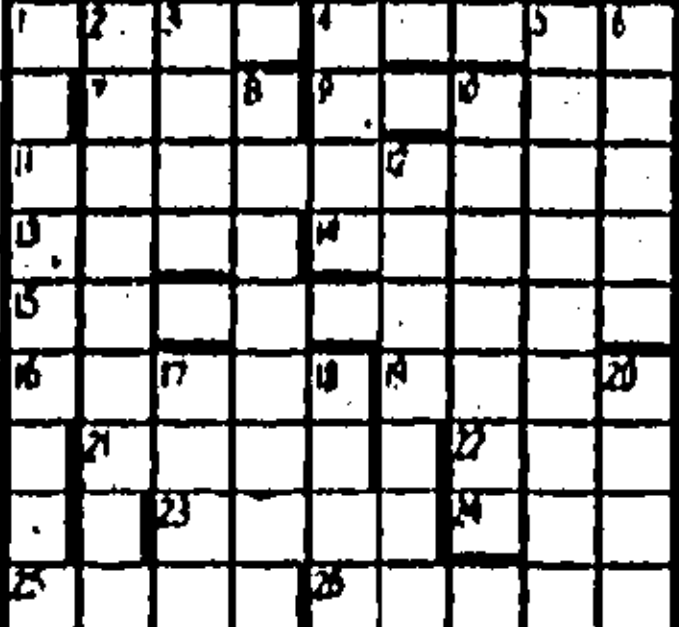
White, 14 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-Q5, any; 2. Q, or R, (dis ch, or del ch), mate.

CROSSWORD



1. Take the — in hand and waive the rest" said Omar. (4)
4. Quiet ride makes an overwinding aim. (5)
7. Steeply card game. (3)
9. It's capital for Transjordan. But sounds like one individual. (5)
11. The gunnery school sounds pretty good. (4)
13. The river is the middle. (4)
14. No insignificant matter. (5)
15. Drink Roper! (anagram). (5)
16. They surround the salinity. (5)
17. It's the best part of the wheel. (4)
21. In demand for puddings. (4)
22. The humble cod provides it. (3)
23. Divorce eddy. (4)
24. There without a sign. (3)
25. They oppose the noon. (4)
26. It goes to the mill. (5)
- DOWN
1. Her love story has been made from play of. (9)
2. With concern. (9)
3. Keep your bones, bee, here! (4)
5. Take care if this is not used! (9)
6. (3)
8. (3)
10. Pleasant. (5)
12. Out of these. (7)
13. Loan makes for. (5)
14. In a. (5)
15. (4)
16. (4)
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25. (4)
26. (4)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Swindle Makes Slam

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHAT would you do if you had to play today's hand at six spades?

Naturally, your first impulse would be to raise an eyebrow at your partner for his bid of four spades on two queens. Perhaps your next impulse would be to give up.

South believed "while there's life there's hope." He ruffed the opening heart lead, led a trump to dummy, and returned the queen of clubs.

East stepped up with the ace of clubs and returned a heart. South ruffed again, ruffed a low

NORTH	24
AKQ1097	
943	
None	
AKQ10	432
WEST	EAST
AKQJ872	AK3
985	1065
9	Q1043
	AK76
SOUTH (D)	
AKJ802	
None	
AK762	
J8	
Both sides vul.	
South West North East	
1 4 4 4	
0 0 Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥K	

diamond in dummy, and returned a low club towards his hand.

East wavered. Goodness knows where East thought the setting trick was coming from if there was no second club trick. But East did foolishly play low, on the assumption that South was going to ruff.

South won with the jack of clubs and easily made the rest of the tricks. This probably proves that even a poor swindle is better than none at all.

Incidentally, if you were East in today's hand, you would have a clue to the correct play. What would South do if he had a singleton eight of clubs? He would lead it towards dummy at the second trick instead of entering dummy with a trump in order to lead the queen of clubs. South's manner of playing the clubs should have made the situation clear to East if he had taken the trouble to think.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Heart 2 Clubs 2 Diamonds Pass

You, South hold:

AKQJ9843 Q52 AK75

What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. You have too many clubs to think of slam, and the king is badly placed. You must therefore bid modestly to ward game unless North makes a slam try.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold:

AKQJ9843 Q52 AK75

What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE



Holiday tent and beach wrap rolled into one, this attractive "poncho" is a useful addition to any seaside suitcase. You can wear it after swimming, or as a shade when the sun is strong—and it is wide enough to undress under on the sands. Our model, Jackie Cahill, wears it in sunshine yellow candlewick.—London Express Service.

A HEART ATTACK MAY BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

By H. N. Bundesen, M.D.

SOMETIMES a heart attack can be a blessing in disguise.

Actually, about eight or nine out of every ten persons who suffer a seizure will survive. While severe attacks may bring crushing pain and leave the person gasping for breath, many initial seizures are relatively mild. Some victims are barely aware of any change at all and ignore the symptoms. That's bad.

If the attack is just strong enough to send the victim scurrying to his doctor, this first warning may turn out to be a good thing.

In the case of coronary thrombosis, a minor attack may

begin with one or two sharp twinges of pain. This is quickly replaced by a dull ache which may be hardly noticeable, although it will continue for some time.

Breathing will be completely normal and any fever that develops will probably be so slight that the person will be unaware of it. Within a day or two, the symptoms will vanish. While the person may not feel quite his best for a while longer, the chances are he will just pass off this experience as an incident he'd rather forget. This is a grave mistake. For the

next attack might be much worse.

A doctor should be seen as quickly as possible after such symptoms are experienced. By various tests, including an electrocardiogram, he'll be able to determine how severe the condition is.

In this way, he'll be able to guide the patient's future activities in such a way as to enhance his chances of avoiding a second attack. This may mean relatively little alteration from his present routine, or it may mean strict curtailment of a too active life.

Chances for a complete recovery after a minor attack usually are very good—if the doctor's advice is followed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Shadows Go To Tea

—Their Host Is the Smallest Man In the World—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF named Handi, the shadow-nan with the turned-about names, were sitting behind the bookcase talking quietly, cozily and comfortably when Mr Merlin the Magnificent Magician opened the door of his house and stuck his head out to see if it was raining.

Mr Merlin lived behind the bookcase. It's a strange place for anybody to have a house but Mr Merlin, being a Magnificent Magician, was a strange man.

It Wasn't Raining

Finding that it wasn't raining, Mr Merlin stuck his head out a little further to see if the sun was shining. Instead of seeing the sun he saw Knarf and Handi.

He shouted "Good morning, kids!" and when they came over he said: "What are you talking about so seriously? Is it important?"

Handi said: "I don't know whether it's important or not. We were just reading about the smallest man in the world. We were wondering about him."

"The smallest man in the world? Ah, I know whom you mean," said Mr Merlin after looking puzzled for a moment. "Tom Thumb."

Knarf and Handi said that was the one.

"Good friend of mine," said Mr Merlin. "He lives right down the street. Would you like to drop in and see him?"

Bookcase Street

Knarf and Handi said they certainly would, so down the Bookcase Street they went with the Magnificent Magician leading the way.

The street grew narrower and narrower. Finally Mr Merlin stopped and, pointing to something that looked like an eggshell with a chimney lying on the ground, he said: "That's it!"

"Is it?" said Knarf. "What is it?"

"What is it? It's Tom Thumb's house!" Mr Merlin said. "If you don't believe me take a look at the name on the letter box."

Knarf had to get down on his knees to even see the letter box. It was the size of a small pea standing on a toothpick. Mr Merlin had to lend him a magnifying glass before he was able to read the name.

"It's Tom Thumb's house all right," said Knarf. "Ring the bell," said Mr Merlin. "Let's see if he's in."

Handi found the bell. It was at the side of the door. The door was half the size of a postage stamp. The button of the bell was the size of a pin head.

The next minute the door was opened by Tom Thumb himself.

"Hi!" said Knarf.

"Hi there!" said Handi.

"Thomas, my boy!" said Mr Merlin.

"Why, come right in!" Tom said in a voice that sounded like a whistle blown by somebody far, far away.

But how could they go in? Who but Tom Thumb, the smallest man in the world, can fit inside an eggshell? They did the next best thing. They got down on the ground and looked in through the windows, which were like the holes in an Easter egg.

An Odd House

It was an odd and lovely house. The walls were white. The carpet was a bit of wool from a sock. The chairs were made of straw. The bed was the corner of a handkerchief stuffed with a feather. The mirror was a bit of broken glass. The table was a penny standing on three match sticks.

Tom served them tea and cookies through the windows.

The Basic Rule Underlying Good Table Manners

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"IN the restaurants and hotel dining rooms, Madame, I am often fascinated by the forests of waving arms!" exclaimed the Chef.

"Forests of waving arms?" I asked.

"Oul, Madame. They remind me of a surrealist picture."

"The ladies and some of the men, eating their meal with the elbow of the left arm resting on the table, the forearm upright, the left hand waving back and forth, sometimes empty, sometimes holding a piece of bread or a lighted cigarette. Some use the fork like a chisel and the knife like a hacksaw."

"If these people realised how silly they look, they would stop these ridiculous habits."

"I agree, Chef, that the basic rule underlying good table manners is to make eating as unobtrusive and as dainty as possible. Many a man or woman is held back business-wise, professionally, or socially by poor table manners."

"The correct way to hold and use the knife and fork, breaking a slice of bread before eating; cutting meat a bite at a time; eating without spilling food; sitting upright rather than crouching over the plate; noiseless chewing and sipping—all these mark good breeding and are expected of any man or woman who wishes to be accepted socially."

"The younger generation can be trained in these courteous niceties. If the older generation will take time to teach them and the care to set them a proper example."

Dinner

Sardine Saladettes
Chopped Beef-Vegetable Ragout
Flaky Baked Potatoes
Radishes
Stuffed Apples Meringue
Coffee
A Measurement: A Level
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Sardine Saladettes: Drain the sardines from a 4 oz. tin of mustard sardines. Add 2 tsp mixed chives or scallions and 1 tsp. lemon juice to the sauce. Pour over the sardines. Chill at least 1 hr.

Arrange slices of large tomato in nests of lettuce. Top each with 2 or 3 sardines and the sauce.

Chopped Beef-Vegetable Ragout: Make up 1 pkg. dehydrated green pea soup mix, according to directions, but use half the amount of water.

Meantime, slice and fry 4 medium-size onions in 3 tsp. butter until beginning to turn colour. Add 1 lb. chopped raw beef. Cook and stir until the beef separates but does not brown.

Stir into the pea soup. Simmer 15 min.

Serve spooned over flaky baked potatoes.

Stuffed Apples Meringue: Prepare 6 apples to bake by the usual method, but fill the centres with cranberry sauce, mince-meat or mashed sweetened bananas. Place in a baking dish.

Dissolve ½ c. sugar in 1½ c. water. Spoon over and pour around the apples. Cover and bake in a moderate oven, 375° F. for 40 min.

When almost done, top each apple with 2 small tablespoons of meringue, bake uncovered for 10 min. longer in a slow oven.

Trick of the Chef

Roll flaky baked potatoes in melted butter, then in minced fresh dill.

How To Cut Your Own Hair At Home

By JEANNE D'ARCY

WHEN it comes to hair-cutting, we're not one to advise a do-it-yourself job. It's risky unless you have the flair. Some do. Some don't.

We know one receptionist whose coiffure is home-styled and stunning. She always looks as if she'd just stepped out of a chic French boudoir.

On the other hand, we've a friend with a hair-cutting phobia. Her hair grows to a certain length and, all of a sudden, she decides it's got to be shorter. On the moment, she calls the salon and if she can't get an immediate appointment, it's a calamity, because she cuts it herself. The results have ranged from crew-cut bangs to an all-around, short-short cut that resembled a sheared beaver. While the self-inflicted damage grows in, she looks freakish for weeks.

If you're contemplating a home cut, keep in mind that results may not be all your heart desires. If you're bound to proceed, however, here are a few rules.

First, assemble equipment. You'll need a large mirror, a pair of sharp scissors, a cape or towel to keep shoulders free of snipped-off hair, some newspapers to spread on the floor so the cleaning-up operation will be easy. Then bobbypins to set hair once it's cut.

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Hair should be dry for cutting. Pick up a strand about an inch square at the front and side of your hairdo. Grasp the scissors with your thumb and third finger, moving the thumb only for cutting. Use short motions and never let the scissors close completely. When you're finished, the lock should be tapered at the ends.

Make a pin curl with the cut lock, but count the number of times you wrap hair around your finger. This is a length-guide for the cutting job that remains. Trim the rest of your hair by setting pin curls round the same number of times as the first one. After the curl is made, the end that remains after winding the prescribed number of times should be cut off with the tapering scissors technique.

After each lock is wound and cut, it is in place. When you're finished, moisten each curl with a water-moistened piece of cotton and you're set.

When curls dry and are combed, the result should be a uniformly even, neatly trimmed head.

Another New

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Rupert and the Winter Woolly—11

Rupert puts the last down and the caterpillar walks happily on to it and looks around. "There's something very odd about this," says Willie, nervously. "Woody caterpillars don't come out in the winter. I've never seen this sort of Winter Woolly before."

"Nor I," Rupert agrees. "It must be very rare, so I'm going to ask the old Professor. He knows nearly everything." And off he runs over the snow until the Professor's strange house appears.

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5,000-Year-Old Royal Tomb Found In Egypt

By Gilbert Sedbon

Saqqara, City of the Dead, May 23.

A British archaeologist, Professor Walter Emery, digging in the sands of the Saqqara plateau 20 miles south of Cairo, has found a royal tomb dating back to the first dynasty Pharaohs 5,000 years ago.

His discovery has brought to light the earliest example of monumental architecture in Egypt, and established for the first time in modern times that Saqqara was the burial place of first dynasty Pharaohs and that their funerary structures at Abydos, in Upper Egypt, were only chapels.

Professor Emery, 52-year-old Edwards Professor of Egyptology in the University of London and an expert on Egypt's archaic period, has found the royal tomb of Queen Her-Nit, a queen of the First Thinite dynasty which reigned on the banks of the Nile 3,000 years before the birth of Christ.

Pyramid Complex

The tomb, which is 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, consists of a great mastaba—a flat-topped rectangular superstructure of mud brick—with an elaborately decorated exterior originally painted with multi-work designs. A great wall surrounds the whole installation of the tomb, which the Professor believes to be undoubtedly the prototype of the pyramid complex of the later third and fourth dynasties.

Professor Emery started his excavations at Saqqara North early this year. For four months, from sunrise to sunset, the Liverpool-born archaeologist and his team worked in the field, not far from a first dynasty tomb and temple which he unearthed during a previous expedition here two years ago.

Scores of sun-baked, sturdy Egyptian workers were employed to remove several thousand tons of desert sand, rubble and debris.

Then Professor Emery discovered a descending passage below the mastaba, leading into a great rock-cut burial chamber. There, he found the remains of a cedar wood sarcophagus. The interior of the mastaba was divided into a series of magazines, in which was placed extra funerary equipment for the use of the deceased.

Jap Sealings

Hundreds of broken stone vessels and pieces of pottery in schist, diorite and alabaster were recovered by the excavators.

Even more important, clay jap sealings and stone vessels bore the name of Queen Her-Nit. There is evidence that she was buried in the early part of the reign of Udimu, fifth Pharaoh of the first dynasty.

Among the objects found was a very fine, chalice-shaped vessel made of schist and pink limestone. It was found inside the coffin, which led Professor Emery to believe that it held the vessel about five inches high. It is one of the finest examples of stone vessels of the first dynasty ever discovered.

The excavators then came across a most precious, unique piece of jewellery in the shape of a small necklace of gold and cornelian stones, of a delicacy which one would never have suspected existed in the early part of the first dynasty. The necklace is unique in that it has escaped the attention of robbers through continued plundering of the tomb in the past 5,000 years.

Scale Plan

Other objects included a mass of magnificent dishes made of rock crystal one millimetre thick.

As he superintended the excavations, Professor Emery made notes of the architectural details of the tomb, the form of the brick work and designs, and where and how the objects were found.

In a big drawing room adjoining his bungalow overlooking the open Nile valley and Memphis, once the world's biggest metropolis, he drew a scale plan of the tomb with all the minute details which the excavators have been able to trace.

The mastaba originally stood nearly 22 feet high surrounded by a wall six feet high. On a low mud bench running round the tomb had been modelled a series of "bulls' heads made of mud. Into these mud heads, real heads of these heads is not clear. They may have been a preparation for the tomb, or they may have been food offerings to the dead Queen.

After the ancient Pharaohs put the burial urn in the big rock-cut shaft, they rooted the

Earliest Form

The Egyptian Department of Antiquities intends to build a roof over the recently discovered tomb and conserve the east facade of the superstructure still standing to a height of 9 feet.

Egyptologists who have not previously taken part in excavations of the first dynasty will now be able to visit and examine this earliest form of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Professor Emery has finished his digging for this season, but will return to Saqqara later in the year to continue his excavations. Behind the tomb which he has been uncovering, on the edge of the desert, he is convinced that there are big tombs of the second and third dynasties. He is sure that here, locked in the sands of Egypt, lies the answer to one of the riddles of civilisation.

His recent discoveries at North Saqqara have yielded more facts about the first dynasty than the accumulated evidence of more than a century's previous work.—China Mail Special.

INTERNATIONAL AUTOMATION MEETING



\$ PRESTIGE

Singapore, May 23.
While car workers here are accused of spending more than they can afford on elaborate weddings and funerals, most of them inevitably land up in the bankruptcy court, but they feel that they must have these costly ceremonies to keep up their family prestige, according to Mr. W. G. Alcock, a Government official.—China Mail Special.

'THE ARMY'S' 10,000 CONVERTS

Leopoldville, May 23.
The Salvation Army is celebrating its tenth anniversary of establishment in the Belgian Congo this year.
Army officials said that about 10,000 Africans are attending their mission schools throughout the Belgian colony.—China Mail Special.

A general view of the international meeting on automation, organised by Britain's Trades Union Congress on behalf of the European Productivity Agency, in Transport House. The pros and cons of automation are currently being hotly debated in Britain, where it has already caused a strike of 11,000 automobile factory workers. Delegates at the automation meeting—they came from Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, France, Sweden and Italy—were told by a prominent British trade unionist, Mr. James Crawford, that automation "was neither the key to Utopia nor necessarily a threat to industry and society."—Express Photo.

FROGMAN SPEARS 66lb KINGFISH

Auckland, May 23.
A member of the Auckland Underwater Spearfishing Club, Mr. K. A. Coudrey, has speared a kingfish weighing 66½ lb at Kawau Island.
Mr. Coudrey was testing a new spring gun at a depth of nearly 100 feet. A desperate fight with the kingfish ensued. For some minutes he kept hold of his gun against the struggles of the big fish, but he came to the surface when his breathing apparatus was exhausted. A few minutes later another spearfisherman went down and recovered the gun intact with the weakened kingfish at the end of the spear.—China Mail Special.

STORKS DESERTING HOLLAND

Nesting Shortage In Land Of Housing Shortage

The Hague, May 22.

Storks are disappearing from their traditional places in the Dutch countryside because they face a "housing shortage" almost as drastic as the Dutch people themselves.

This was revealed by steps now being taken by the Netherlands Association for the Protection of Birds to remedy the situation by building a large number of nests to attract storks back to Holland.

50 good nests which the storks will fly to each spring after spending the winter in Africa.

Fleece Fighting

The irony of the shortage of storks' nests is particularly striking in Holland where the housing shortage is one of the greatest problems still facing the country after the war.

The Netherlands is short of some 200,000 houses, and since this problem is expected to take many years to solve, the storks will probably be better off than most average Dutch couples in having a place of their own in which to live.

Viewed With Concern

The Association for the Protection of Birds views the situation with some concern, fearing that storks may become virtually extinct in Holland if prompt action is not taken. It claims that these beautiful birds are forsaking the Netherlands because they can no longer find anywhere to live. Storks do not build their own nests but rely on finding a ready-made site to lay their eggs.

The storks' "housing shortage" caused fierce fighting among rival pairs of birds in some parts of the country last year. Fierce battles were held over the right to a nest, with the result that a large number of eggs and young birds were thrown out and lost.

Their traditional nest is on a house or a cart wheel attached to the top of a long pole fixed in the ground. These nests have to be specially made to suit the stork, and the Association estimates the cost of one such nest at 200 guilders (about £20 sterling) too much for the average farmer to pay.

One farmer who built a special nest of bundles of twigs, grass, soda, black earth and manure, was almost immediately gratified by the arrival of a pair of storks which promptly settled in.

It has therefore started a campaign to raise 10,000 guilders (about £1,000 sterling) to provide new storks' nests and renovate old ones. It is hoped that this sum will provide about

Storks are perished in the Dutch countryside and their arrival is always welcome because the popular belief has it that they bring good luck to the house on which they nest.

Deprived Of Food

With their contrasting white and black plumage, and their bright red bill and legs, storks are strikingly conspicuous in the flat Dutch countryside. Standing more than three feet high, they walk across the land with a dignified air, each with their favourite food—insects, frogs and field mice.

Lack of this food has also probably contributed to the stork's growing rarity in Holland, according to the Association. Improved agricultural methods and new uses to which the land is being put, have driven off mice and frogs and deprived the stork of its favourite feeding places.

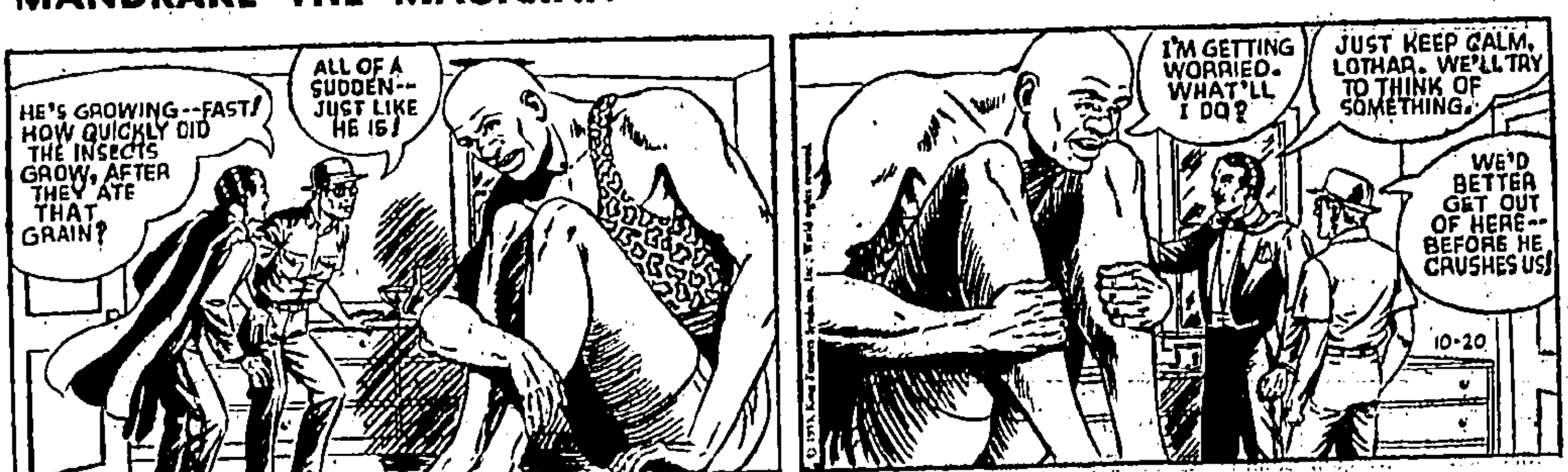
The Dutch climate, which is becoming warmer but damper, also appears to deter storks from returning to Holland, the Association claims.

It alleges, moreover, that great numbers are shot as they fly their way back from Africa over France and Belgium, or fly to their death against high tension wires in Germany. But the Association does not fear their total extinction because some 20,000 breeding pairs were counted in Spain last year.

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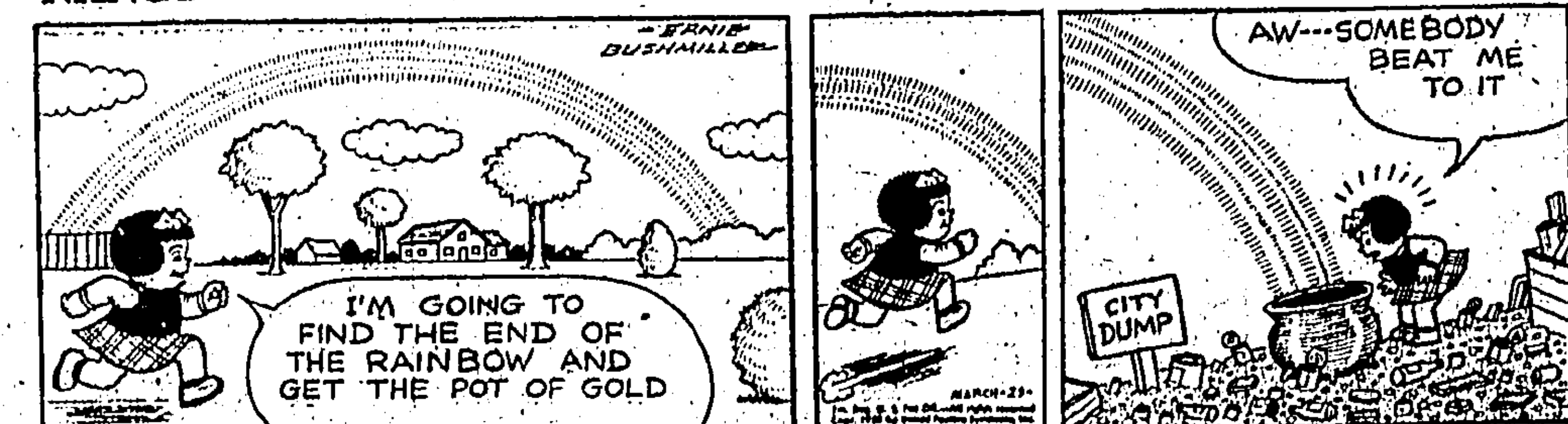
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Helicopter To Search For Fossils

Capetown, May 23.

A helicopter is wanted to aid fossil hunting at Hopfield, in the Cape.

Dr. R. Singer, senior lecturer in anatomy and curator of the Hopfield Collection at the University of Capetown, who made the appeal pointed out that helicopters are used in Central America to extinguish bush fires with their down-draught.

At the Hopfield site, where the Sekake mountains still was found, large quantities of fossilised bones and stone implements had been scattered, covered and exposed by wind and drift sand. One big sand dune, however, had escaped destruction by the elements.

...this situation
calls for a
San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, May 23.
The No. 1 Raw rubber futures contract today closed 35 to 50 points lower with sales of 150 contracts.

The standard contract closed 35 to 50 points lower with sales of five contracts.

The lower trend reflected London cables, plus the continued lack of factory buying interest and smaller consumption estimate for April.

Shipment offering on sheets were moderate, coming from Indonesia, Malaya, Siam and Indonesia, but at prices about 1/2 cent a pound over a domestic parity.

Dealers said preliminary trade estimates indicated April domestic consumption of natural and synthetic of around 120,000 tons, off 10,000 from March.

Spot No. 1 Raw was quoted nominally 29 1/2 cents a pound.

Futures.

No. 1 Raw	
May	28 1/2
July	28 1/2
Sept.	27 1/2
Dec.	27 1/2
Standard contract	
May	28 1/2
July	28 1/2
Sept.	27 1/2
Dec.	27 1/2

SINGAPORE

The market was weaker in morning on covering of near shipment. It eased off during the afternoon on selling and poor factory interest.

No. 1 rubber per lb. 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

No. 2 rubber per lb. June 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

No. 3 rubber per lb. June 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

No. 4 rubber per lb. June 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

Blanket craps 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

No. 1 pale craps 28 1/2-30, unquoted.

LONDON

The market was easy with spot at 24 1/2 pence per lb.

Futures.

No. 1 Raw spot	24 1/2-24 3/4
Settlement house term	24 1/2-24 3/4
June	24 1/2-24 3/4
July	24 1/2-24 3/4
Aug./Sept.	24 1/2-24 3/4
Oct./Nov.	24 1/2-24 3/4
Jan./Feb.	24 1/2-24 3/4
General markets, all bases, ports:	
June	24 1/2-24 3/4
July	24 1/2-24 3/4
Aug.	24 1/2-24 3/4
Sept.	24 1/2-24 3/4
Blanket craps thin and thick	unquoted

United Press

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

An oil company re
the recovery of oil from
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CHINA MAIL

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1956.

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Union Insurance Meeting

New Articles of Association to replace out-dated ones adopted in 1922 were approved by shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., this morning.

This meeting was preceded by the Society's ordinary yearly meeting at the new office in Alexander House, when a very satisfactory state of affairs was reported by the Director, Mr. C. H. Baker, stated that the Society moved into Alexander House temporarily pending the demolition and rebuilding of Union House.

Moving the adoption of the Report, Accounts and the recommendation of the Directors' recommendations, Mr. Baker said:

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the above, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

Thursday, May 24.
By Air:
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface:
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 25.
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 26.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuming, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
India-China, France, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 27.
By Surface:
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Air:
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

Trans-Shipped Goods Illegally

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either his supplier in the United States or the Bureau, and contrary to the anti-diversion warning on the bill of lading.

The Bureau said that Schriber defended his actions on the grounds that he had obtained a Belgian export licence to transship the goods to Hongkong. The Bureau contended, however, that that did not relieve him of his responsibility to abide by US export regulations.

The Bureau said that, in reducing the suspension period, it took into account the fact that Schriber promptly retrieved the first shipment from Hongkong at his own expense and co-operated with US authorities during their investigation of his activities.—United Press.

EXCHANGE LOSS

"There has also been some loss on exchange in that the strengthening of the pound sterling in the year resulted in our substantial Canadian and United States dollar assets being valued at a lower rate than at the end of the year 1955. The directors have decided to recommend the adoption of new Articles of Association to replace those adopted in 1922 which are out-of-date in the light of modern legislation and present-day practice. A notice summoning an extraordinary general meeting to be held immediately after this meeting and at which the revised Articles will be submitted for approval, was sent to shareholders from Head Office and London Branch on May 1.

STAFF MATTERS

"Turning to staff matters, Mr. R. C. Langley, who was General Manager for Australia for more than twenty-five years retired at the end of 1955 after 35 years' service with the Society. We are also losing a member of staff who has many years of enjoyment in his retirement.

"Once again it is my pleasure to thank the staff and all connected with the worldwide network of branches and offices of the Society's Group of Companies and the direction of them, for their excellent work and the support and valuable assistance."

BILL PASSED

Washington, May 23. The House of Representatives today approved the new farm bill already passed by the Senate, and sent it to President Eisenhower for his signature. The vote in the House was 305 to 59. The bill had been worked out by a joint Senate-House Committee to replace a farm bill voted by the President.



Gen Loewen Leaves

The Commander-in-Chief Far East Land Forces, General Sir Charles Loewen, and his wife were seen-off at Queen's Pier this morning after a four-day visit.

It was the General's farewell visit to units stationed in the Colony as C-in-C because he will be relinquishing that post to take up another as Adjutant General, War Office, at the end of the year.

Sir Charles arrived at Queen's Pier accompanied by Lt. Gen. W. H. Stratton, Commander British Forces, Hongkong, soon after Lady Loewen, and inspected a 50-men Guard of Honour from the 15 Medium Regiment, R.A. The Band of the King's Own Royal Regiment, under Bandmaster P. Russell, was in attendance.

On the pier were Mrs Stratton, Deputy Commander, Brig. Graham, Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore A. D. Messenger and Mrs Messenger, Commander, Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, Brig. L. N. Cholmeley, Chief of Staff, Col. Leslie, and Officer in Charge Administration, Col. Steele-Baume.

General and Lady Loewen boarded the GOC's launch for Kowloon. The General and Mrs Stratton were bidding farewell to the officers on the pier. Picture above by staff photographer shows General Loewen (right) boarding the launch at Queen's Pier.

Water Storage

The Water Authority announced that total storage in the Colony's reservoirs at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) morning was 1,205 million gallons. This represents a loss of 18 million gallons in the 24-hour period.

Consumption amounted to 29 million gallons and the yield from streams and catchwaters was eleven million gallons.

Rainfall registered by the Water Authority was .08" at Taitung, .08" at Aberdeen, .05" at Pokfulam and .03" at Shing Mun reservoirs.

STORY OF HOLD-UP AT BREAKFAST

Evidence that the accused and three other men broke into 19 Luard Road, second floor and held up its occupants at gun point while they were having breakfast was given before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a jury of five men and two women at the Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court this morning.

The accused, Chung Shek-kwai alias Chung Kwai, standing trial on a charge of assault with intent to rob, was not legally represented.

Senior Crown Counsel W. R. Blair-Kerr prosecuted. Shum Kee, in evidence told the court that he and other occupants were having their breakfast on the morning of March 9, this year, when two strangers entered his flat, 18 Luard Road, second floor. One of the men produced a short firearm. Pointing the weapon at the group, he said "I am sorry I cannot be fair to you."

Witness said he then saw a third man wearing a white shirt and blue trousers walking up and down the passage.

REQUEST KEYS
A few minutes later, Lok Tim, who had left the premises earlier, returned. The strangers then asked Lok for the keys to the safe. Lok did not produce them. Then a fold from a cooked food stall brought tea which had been ordered earlier by the witness. Witness said the food was admitted by the strangers but not allowed to leave.

When they had finished their breakfast, witness continued, the strangers herded everyone into the luggage room. Eventually they left, locking the gate after them. Witness said they (the occupants) then went out to the verandah. Witness said he then saw the man in white shirt and blue trousers running towards the west along Jaffe Road. He looked like the same person witness had noticed walking up and down the passage, but witness added that he could not recognise his face. Witness said they then shouted "Robbery, the one in the blue trousers."

CHASED BY PC
Then a uniformed policeman gave chase. Ten minutes later, the police brought back the man in the white shirt and blue trousers. Witness identified the accused in the dock as being the man.

Giving evidence, Lok Tim said that shortly after 9 a.m. on March 9, he went out to order tea for the first witness who was having breakfast with the other occupants of the premises. He said that as he was descending the stairs, he noticed four men ascending. Lok said he was gone for about five minutes.

On his return, Lok continued, he was caught by the hand by one stranger wearing spectacles who had a handkerchief covering his mouth. Lok also saw the accused ascending beside him. Lok said that the strangers then asked him for the key to the safe. Witness said he told them the key was kept by the master who was out.

The strangers then pointed a gun at his back which witness said he felt, and searched him. Witness said that the man standing beside him on his return to the flat wore a white shirt and green gabbardine trousers. The man the police caught and brought back to the premises, after the strangers had left, wore blue coloured trousers.

Asked by His Lordship if he could distinguish green from blue, witness said he could and reiterated that the man the police brought back wore a different coloured trousers from the one in the premises. Hearing is continuing.

Crew Strike

Singapore, May 23. Thirty-six members of the crew of the Burmese ship Pyadaway went on strike in Singapore harbour today and refused to resume work until they had received a fortnight's wages due to them.

The spokesman said the Burmese Government had instructed the Captain not to pay the men and had not given any reason for the order.

The Pyadaway, which is here for repairs, was due to leave within a week, but may be delayed if the strike continues. The strikers' spokesman said the crew, all Burmese, had approached the Burmese Consulate here but were told that the Consulate could do nothing.

—France-Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. 7, Time Signal and Programme Summary: 8.03, Clock Market Report; 8.05, Playtime with Audrey (Studio); 8.30, Portuguese Half Hour; 8.45, Light Varieties; 9.15, Old Time Ballroom with Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra; 9.30, The News (London Relay); 9.55, Commentary on the News; 10.00, News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 11.00, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 12.00, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 1.00, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 2.00, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 3.00, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 4.00, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 5.00, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, The News; 5.45, The News; 6.00, The News; 6.15, The News; 6.30, The News; 6.45, The News; 7.00, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 8.00, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 9.00, The News; 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